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BIG PUZZLE FOR CONGRESS CABINET

LEADERS FACE TO FACE WITH FATEFUL ISSUES

If Top Men Accept Office, What Will Become Of National Organisation?

MAHATMA'S ADVICE BEING SOUGHT

SIMLA, July 4, (A. P. I.): The Congress Working Committee adjourned at 6-15 p.m. and will meet again at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's residence, "Armsdell".

The Congress President told the Associated Press of India that the Committee was discussing all questions arising out of the Wavell Plan.

ALL GOING WELL

A "United Press of India" message says: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru immediately after coming out of the evening session of the Working Committee said: "The whole thing is going well".

The Working Committee has put its seal of approval to the stand taken by Maulana Azad at the Leaders' Conference and is now busy finding the best people from all communities.

BIG THINGS DISCUSSED

When he came out of the Working Committee meeting this evening, Maulana Azad was accosted by a number of journalists who wanted to know what transpired at the meeting. Maulana Azad enquired as to what was the time and humorously replied: "So it is six twenty-five. We met and discussed," he said, "for four hours and twenty-five minutes the Wavell Proposals and the personnel for the Executive and other big things that concerned the nation."

"WAIT AND WATCH"

A question is being asked, whether the Congress will agree to join the Government if the entire panel submitted by Maulana Azad is not accepted by the Viceroy. Complete silence is being maintained by members of the Working Committee in this connection. "Wait and watch" seems to be the slogan of the Congress leaders.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETS

The Congress Working Committee resumed deliberations at 9 this morning at the residence of the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. All the members, except Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, were present.

The Congress Working Committee resumed its session at 2 p.m. at Manor Ville, Mahatma Gandhi's Simla residence.

The following were present: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Acharya Kripalani, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Mr. Shanker Rao Deo, Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghosh and Dr. Khan Sahib (by special invitation).

Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madni, President of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind, was also present by special invitation.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad attended the Congress Working Committee meeting an hour late on account of a mild attack of asthma.

Question Of Panel

Whether the Congress would submit a small panel of names and insist upon the Viceroy accepting all the names recommended or whether it should submit a sufficiently large list representative of all communities and interests and leave the discretion to the Viceroy to select from such a list, was the subject that was debated for two hours to-day by the Congress Working Committee, writes the political correspondent of the 'Associated Press of India.'

There was an interesting and informative discussion this morning, which is being continued this afternoon at Mahatma Gandhi's residence. More than one member, it is gathered, emphasised during this morning's discussions that if the Congress submitted a limited number of names and insisted on Lord Wavell accepting all the names, a deadlock might be created. The Congress then would be acting in precisely the same way as the Muslim League, though the Congress leaders had proclaimed their intention to accept the Wavell Plan, provided certain points were clarified and doubts removed.

Purpose Of Conference

The sponsors of this viewpoint held that the purpose of the Simla Conference was to end the present political deadlock and there was no point in adopting a course which, in trying to solve the main deadlock, would create a new deadlock, eventually defeating the purpose of the Conference. The supporters of this point of view are reported to have argued that the opinion so far expressed by top rank Congress leaders had clearly indicated that the Congress was in favour of the acceptance of the Wavell Plan provided it afforded sufficient scope for the Congress to work for the attainment of national independence within it an equal number of Muslims and Hindus other than the Scheduled Castes. Indians in that Council would occupy all portfolios including External Affairs but excluding the War Portfolio which would continue to be held by the Commander-in-Chief. The Council would work within the framework of the present constitution including constitutional provisions for control by the Secretary of State and Governor-General.

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WHAT AZAD SPOKE AT LEADERS' CONFERENCE

(From Our Correspondent).

SIMLA, July 4.—The Congress Executive held four hours' sitting yesterday and continued its deliberations today. Maulana Azad appraised the Committee of what transpired in his interview with Lord Wavell and at the Leaders' Conference with special reference to the stand taken by the Congress 'bloc'. The Maulana had declared in unequivocal terms that the Congress was a non-communal All-India National Body and could never agree to compromise its position. In his speech at the Conference he had also explained the Congress position vis-a-vis' the Army and India's neighbouring countries. The Congress wanted a National Army, national in personnel and national in outlook. As regards India's foreign policy and participation in war, the Maulana had made it clear that, though the Congress would fully co-operate to bring about total unconditional surrender of Japan, it would be no party for the furtherance of imperialistic designs of Western Powers in the Middle Eastern and Far Eastern countries. The Congress stood for freedom for all and as such she would demand freedom for the people of Burma, Malaya, Dutch East Indies, Iraq, Syria, Arabia and Iran. He had also told the Conference that the A.I.C.C. which was still under ban, was the final authority to endorse the new orientation in Congress policy. He had, therefore, urged the lifting of the ban on the A.I.C.C. and also release of any of its members who might be under detention.

Maulana Azad is believed to have told his Committee that he had provisionally accepted certain proposals on behalf of the Congress. These proposals 'inter alia' are: that the Congress is prepared to agree to an Executive Council of the Governor-General which will be publicly committed to the prosecution of war against Japan with utmost energy till Japan is utterly defeated; to carry on the Government of British India with all the manifold tasks of post-war development in front of it, until a new permanent constitution can be agreed upon and come into force; to consider when members of the Government think it possible and the means by which such agreement can be achieved. Maulana Azad had also provisionally agreed at the Conference that the Executive should consist of men of ability and influence recommended by the Conference and prepared to take decisions and responsibility for them. Such Executive Council would

Maulana Azad, it appears, appraised Committee of his interview with Lord Wavell before the Conference and said that he felt generally satisfied with the Viceroy's elucidation regarding veto and war expenditure.

There is nothing fresh to report on the League front beyond saying that the League leaders greatly resent "the organised propaganda against the League and threatening it that unless it surrendered to the Congress it will be bypassed by Lord Wavell". They argue that a settlement between the two major parties is the 'sine qua non' of the Wavell Plan being put through.

An interesting episode at the Leaders' Conference has leaked out. Maulana Azad in his opening speech claimed for the Congress its national character to represent all communities in India. Mr. Jinnah, according to reports, disputed this claim as far as Muslims were concerned. He characterized the Congress as a body of Caste-Hindus. Up went the Frontier Premier, Dr. Khan Saheb. Addressing Lord Wavell, he, it is believed, enquired of Mr. Jinnah whether he was a Caste-Hindu. The episode was brought to a close by Lord Wavell who is reported to have said that the Congress represented its members. If the Congress represented its members which include a body of Mussalmans, who could disclaim its membership?

The League admittedly is in a difficult position. Here in Simla all parties, except the League, invited to the Conference are decided to participate in the Cenral Executive under Lord Wavell's Plan. Whether the League will and can stay out is the question discussed here all round. League leaders maintain absolute silence. Anticipations are that the League will submit its panel to Lord Wavell along with the others subject to final discussion and agreement between Lord Wavell and Mr. Jinnah. As matters stand there is no likelihood of a Congress-League reapproachment.

BYRNES FOR "BIG THREE" MEETING

Unconfirmed Reports About Churchill's Expected Arrival In France

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter): The latest official indication of the date of the "Big Three" meeting is a statement by Mr. James F. Byrnes, the new United States Secretary of State, that he is leving for Berlin "in a short while" with President Truman, says Devandar Anand, Reuter's special correspondent.

A report today from Hendaye a Franco-Spanish frontier town, quoted a "persistent rumour" that Mr. Churchill is expected there shortly. The dispatch added, "it is said that Mr Churchill will arrive at Bordeaux from London by 'plane on Tuesday next accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and their daughters."

This followed a similar unconfirmed report from the Spanish radio.

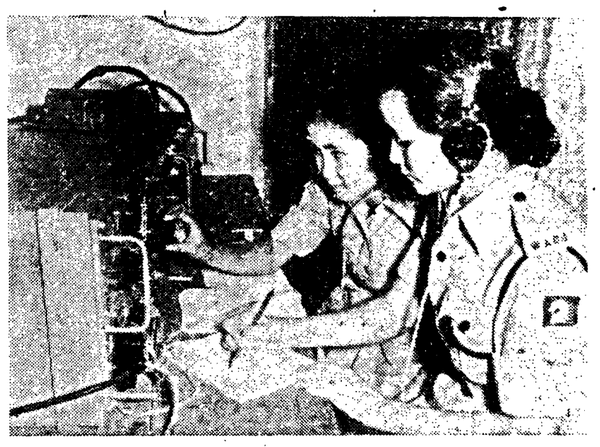
Official circles in London declined to comment on these reports. A White House announcement said that Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Truman's special envoy to Moscow, would not be attending the "Big Three" meeting owing to ill-health. Unconfirmed Washington reports say that Mr. Joseph Davies, the President's special envoy to London, would also probably not attend for the same reason.

"In Paris, the British embassy stated that it understood that Mr. Churchill planned a holiday in France some time in the near future but the embassy could not confirm reports of his imminent arrival in France which had emanated from several sources in France and Spain."

Mr. Byrnes has called on officials of his department to remain at their posts until his return from the "Big Three" meeting in Berlin area according to the New York radio today.

Mr. Byrnes said he would confer with Mr. Edward Stetinus, the retiring Secretary of State and Mr. Cordell Hull, the previous Secretary, the radio added.

BOMBAY, July 4 (A.P.I.): Eleven sick destitutes were admitted and one died in hospital yesterday, states an official press note issued at Calcutta to-day.



More than 200 Indian girls have passed out of the W. A. C. (I) Signal Training School at Ranchi since it was started in December 1943. The object of the school is to train women for signal work so that they may take the place of men released for service in forward areas. At work on a wireless are Auxiliaries Rinchem Ihamu and Kinchanmaya, of Nepal.

Gloomy Outlook In Simla

London "Times" On Possibility Of Break Down Of Conference

LONDON, July 4. (Reuter): The Simla barometer is low and some responsible observers although not yet despondent reckon seriously with the possibility that the conference may break down. This is the conclusion of the Simla correspondent of the "London Times" today.

The "Times" which in view of eve-of-election pressure is virtually alone among the London press today in featuring Simla events at any length, bases this conclusion on a detailed account of the difficulties that have arisen over the question of representation on the Viceroy's Council.

LEOPOLD'S MESSAGE TO BRUSSELS

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter): Brussels radio today reported that Dr. Achille Van Acker, the Belgian Premier today saw Belgian Catholic leaders and M Leon Cornil, the Attorney-General, who was reported yesterday to have carried to Brussels a highly confidential message from King Leopold.

"It is possible that later in the day, Dr Van Acker will see the Liberal Socialist and Communist ministers", it added. "Last night, the Belgian Premier saw M Paul Spaak the Foreign Minister, Dr Almarteaux, the Minister of Public Health, and M Charles De Visscher the Catholic Minister without Portfolio in the former Pierlot Government."

Police Fire On Crowd Clamouring For Cloth Permits

CALCUTTA, July 4 (A.P.I.): The police had to open fire on a crowd clamouring for cloth permits in Bamandanga, Rangpur District, when it pelted stones and brickbats at the Secretary of the Food Committee and could not be dispersed, says a report from the Gaibandha correspondent of the "Amrita Bazar Patrika."

While the Secretary was issuing permits for clothing the Bamandanga Dak Bungalow premises, the villagers in a body demanded permits for every householder in the Union, says the correspondent. The Secretary expressed his inability to satisfy them owing to inadequacy of supply, whereupon, it is reported, the crowd became enraged and pelted stones and brickbats at him.

The police appeared on the spot on requisition but in spite of their persuasive efforts the crowd could not be dispersed. The situation, adds the correspondent, necessitated the police opening fire.

The Superintendent of Police and the First Class Magistrate Gaibandha, later went to the spot for investigation.

Governor Opens Sir Victor Sassoon Club

BOMBAY, July 4 (A.P.I.): His Excellency Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, accompanied by Lady Colville and Miss Mary Colville, today paid a visit to the British and Indian Army Transit Camp at Kalyan.

His Excellency declared open Sir Victor Sassoon Club, where to an enthusiastic crowd of British and Indian officers and other ranks he related how the generosity of Sir Victor Sassoon, as well as the time and energy which he had put in, had made this club possible.

JOHN AMERY BEING FLOWN TO LONDON?

Scotland Yard To Issue Statement On Secretary Of State's Son

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—Scotland Yard Headquarters of the British Criminal Investigation Department—will issue a statement on John Amery, son of Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, when he arrives in this country from Italy.

This was the only comment a Scotland Yard official would make today when asked by "Reuter" to confirm rumours that John Amery is being flown to London this week-end and will be charged at Bow Street, Britain's foremost magistrate's court on Monday.

It was at Bow Street that William Joyce made his first appearance on the charge of treason last month.

John Amery and his wife were captured while driving from Milan to Como on the Swiss frontier on April 25.

Berlin Meeting May Be Postponed

Churchill's Ultimatum Creates Complication

LONDON, July 4, (U. P. I.): Serious complications have arisen as a result of Mr. Churchill's virtual ultimatum to Mr. Attlee to repudiate Prof. Harold Laski. It is now considered likely that the "Big Three" Conference may be postponed.

Unconfirmed reports from Paris and Ankara hint that the Berlin Conference which was to be held on July 10 may be put off till after that date, reasons being uncertainty of the internal British political situation and the Russian intervention in the Tangiers affair.

Furthermore, it is becoming doubtful if Mr. Attlee will go to Berlin. In this connection Mr. W. H. Green, member of the Labour Party Executive, in a Press interview significantly stated: "I am not speaking for the Executive but if I were Attlee, I would refuse to accompany Mr. Churchill to Berlin. In my view he is demeaning himself to associating with a man who can turn on his colleagues in the way Mr. Churchill has done."

CHURCHILL CHARGED WITH JEW-BAITING

BEVERLY, YORKSHIRE, July 4 (Reuter).—The genius of Disraeli created the Indian Empire and the obstinacy of Churchill has risked its loss, declared the Labour Peer Lord Strabolgi at a meeting here today.

Declaring that the Laski episode was an attempt to stir up anti-Semitism in Britain, because Laski was a foreign-sounding name and the Professor was a member of an old-established and much respected Jewish family, Lord Strabolgi said that this was unworthy of the party whose greatest leader was Disraeli.

A suggestion that the Prime Minister Mr. Winston Churchill may withdraw his invitation to the Labour Party leader Mr. Clement R. Attlee to accompany him to the impending 'Big Three' talks, is put forward by the Liberal newspaper "News Chronicle" today in its first comment on the new exchange of letters between the two leaders on "the Laski issue."

CHURCHILL'S NEW LETTER TO ATTLEE ON LASKI ISSUE

In London, the last minute controversy over the powers of Labour Party's National Executive Committee and the role of the Committee's Chairman, Prof. Harold Laski—which is clearly being shaped into conservatives main weapon in the election Battle—was carried a step further with the issue to the press early today a new letter by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill to the Labour Party Leader, Mr. Clement R. Attlee.

In this, his third letter on the issue, Mr. Churchill rejecting Mr. Attlee's reply to his last letter as "unsatisfactory", claims that the Committee would have power to challenge a Labour Prime Minister on his conduct of peace negotiations.

Mr. Churchill makes the charge that the Labour Party constitution 'would apparently enable the Executive Committee to call upon a labour Prime Minister to appear before them and criticise his conduct of peace negotiations."

Reverting to his earlier charge that Labour Ministers might be forced to divulge Cabinet secrets to the Laski Committee, Mr. Churchill adds: "How he could defend his actions without disclosure of confidential information, I fail to see."

ATTLEE'S CUT AND DRY REPLY

Mr. Churchill's call for a Joint Attlee-Laski statement "regarding the use of these powers in future" was promptly rejected by Mr. Attlee in a reply issued little over an hour later.

Mr. Attlee, who said that Mr. Churchill's letter had reached him after it had already been sent to the press added "despite my clear statement, you proceed to exercise your imagination by importing into the right to be consulted, power to challenge actions and conduct."

Britain Will Go To Polls To-day

Candidates Preparing For "Most Curious Election Day In Constitutional History"

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter): The General Election eve finds British political parties waiting with bated breath for signs of a last-hour political sensation that might swing the result of to-morrow's polling Right or Left, says Fraser Winghton, Reuter's political correspondent.

The controversy between the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill, Labour Party Leader, Mr. Clement R. Attlee and Labour Party Chairman Professor Harold Laski, over Mr. Attlee's status at the forthcoming "Big Three" meeting and Labour Foreign Policy, is still proceeding desultorily to-day with only 12 hours to go before the campaign ends, however, further exchanges of letters between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee have failed so far to fan flames to their previous level of party fierceness.

CHURCHILL MEETINGS

World interests in the election has been very great. Apart from the wide newspaper coverage which most overseas countries have given to the event, interest has been reflected in the special accommodation provided for visitors from China Latin America and other parts of the world at Churchill meetings, including a rally attended by 20,000 people at Walthamstow last night.

Conservative, Liberal and Labour candidates are to-night preparing for the most curious election day in constitutional history. After to-morrow's polling, there is three weeks' period of anti-climax before the results are announced. This is to allow for collection of British servicemen's votes from all theatres of war. Some have already reached this country, but not until July 26 will the collection be complete and the result proclaimed.

NARROW CONSERVATIVE WIN

The last few days of the campaigning have been marked by growing caution on the part of political prophets, most of whom are inprepared to foresee a narrow conservative win as a probability, though they admit that the outcome is really unpredictable in view of many special factors such as redistribution of population, service votes and new votes—those of the new generation—which arise.

Some experts calculate that the redistribution of population caused by the war has temporarily disfranchised several million people.

PERSONAL ELEMENT

Never was there a campaign into which the personal element entered less. The radio has taken over all the big jobs, both in B B C broadcasts by party leaders and street corner exhortations from automobiles by individual candidates.

The private motor car was allowed on to the roads again just in time for the election campaign and precious "basic ration" petrol just reintroduced by the British Government, will be expended to-morrow in transporting British electors to the polls.

In accordance with tradition many of the "free riders" will vote for the rival of the party that provides a motor car.

Wives of candidates, who have played a bigger part in this election than ever before, will be their husbands' lieutenants in to-morrow's roundup. Many will act as their chauffeurs in their tours of the polling station.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, still astonishingly fit if a little tired after his 70 meetings, his whirlwind national tour and his London tour, will be round and about all the day keeping a finger on the pulse of things.

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POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Will Abide By Terms Of Yalta Formula

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—Recognition of the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity is expected in the near future by informed quarters in London, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

British and United States' Governments have now received from the Warsaw administration a formal notification of its composition and the assurance that the Provisional Government intends to abide by the terms of the Yalta formula, by which the new administration implies its intention to hold free elections.

The recognition is though now only to be delayed by the necessity of making practical arrangements to deal with problems which will be created by the derecognition of the London Polish Government.

WHY TANGIER CONFERENCE IS SUSPENDED

Test Case Of Anglo-U. S. Attitude Towards Soviet Influence In Mediterranean

LONDON, July 4 (U.P.I.)—Sensational developments with important international repercussions have suddenly altered the course of the Tangier Conference due to open in Paris yesterday.

The Russian Ambassador, M. Bogomolov, called on the French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, communicating to the French Government of Russia's desire not only to be kept informed but also to be on the committee set up to discuss the status of the Tangier zone taken over by General Franco in 1942. Bidault passed this note to the British and U.S.A. Ambassadors as a result of which the Conference is now suspended.

The Russian suggestion has raised a new issue which is a test case of the Anglo-American attitude towards Russia's influence in the Mediterranean bases where Russia has decided to sit on the front bench with France, U.S.A. and Britain.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR BONNARD

PARIS, July 4 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain's Minister of Education and Member of the French Academy, Abel Bonnard, was sentenced to death in his absence by the Paris High Court this afternoon.

Bonnard, who fled from Germany to Spain with Pierre Laval and is at present interned in the Montjuich Fortress near Barcelona, was charged with acting against the interests of the State and intelligence with the enemy.

The court also deprived Bonnard of his French Nationality and membership of the Legion of Honour.

STOP PRESS

COTTON BALES GUTTED

KARACHI, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Damage to the extent of Rs. 1,30,000 is reported to have been caused by a fire which gutted some cotton bales in Karachi yesterday. Two fire engines of the Karachi Port Trust fought the flames for nearly three hours. The cause of the fire is not known.

Churchill's Laski Bogey, A Boomerang

Tory Central Office Feels Plot Against Labour Has Fizzled Out

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, July 4.

Tomorrow, Thursday, people of the United Kingdom will finally bury the British Parliament which has been in existence for so long—ten years—that it has almost become a dynasty. The election issues are fairly clear to the people who have a choice between the party which wishes to take away everybody's savings and be ruled behind scenes by a sinister person called Harold Laski and his party which proposes to hand over England to racketeers and moneybags and also controlled by a sinister secret clique known as the Conservative Central Office.

England's Future In Balance

Once upon a time there was a talk of such matters as Social Security, housing, full employment and the Japanese war but they apparently mere red herrings as soon as they were exposed and were no longer able to interfere with the full and free flow of invectives, abuses and irrelevance existing throughout the country. Compared with this our Indian elections are just cream puff affairs. Though our parties are divided they seem to be sincere enough but here for five long years Labour had been praising the Conservatives and Mr. Churchill thought no end of Messrs. Bevin, Attlee and Morrison, and comically, almost overnight, everyone is at his neighbour's throat and England's future is in the balance. It is hard to tell how deceived the public are by this nonsense.

Newspapers, which, with the exception of the "Times", the "Manchester Guardian" and a few others, are brazenly partisan seem to take it seriously. Their pages are filled with charges and counter-charges, accusations and threats, hints and innuendoes. Lord Beaverbrook's morning and evening papers take a lead in this campaign of washing dirty linen. Headlines are faked to discredit the parties they oppose. Propaganda appears in the most unlikely places, for example, one violently pro-Conservative Sunday paper concludes its racing selections with "the best of the week: Four Star Special Churchill (Thursday)".

CONSERVATIVES' BONANZA

Churchill has been the cause of the Conservatives' bonanza. He has barnstormed the country and is winding up with a lightning tour of London electorates. From newspaper reports it is quite impossible to tell how he is received. According to the "Daily Herald", the "News Chronicle", the "Daily Mirror" and the "Daily Worker" his tours have been a flop, and the Conservatives clearly realise that they have lost the election. According to the "Daily Express" the "Daily Mail", the "Daily Telegraph" and the "Daily Sketch" wherever Mr. Churchill went it was "his finest hour"—this proclaimed in bold headlines—and his victory is already in the bag.

"HUNDRED SEATS, MY FOOT"

A colleague who travelled with Mr Churchill tells me the truth that Mr Churchill was received enthusiastically, but he opines that the personal applause does not necessarily reflect the way the votes are going to be cast. His comment on Lord Beaverbrook's claim that the Conservatives will win by 100 seats was: "A hundred seats, my foot".

In some county electorates Labour candidates got over the problem by displaying huge banners with Mr Churchill's photograph and the slogan "Help Him To Finish The Job" underneath in smaller letters "Vote Labour" and the candidate's name The scheme seems too fanciful for words but it may work among the hayseeders.

SOCIALISM, VITAL ISSUE

As a matter of fact generally speaking the election appeals are not on a very high level. Candidates and their propaganda organs seem to be directing themselves at a public whose mental age is 12. The most vital issue is Socialism, though Socialists are not explicit regarding the manner they propose to achieve a Socialist State and the Conservatives do not seem to know what it is all about anyway except that they are against it.

Australia and New Zealand, with Socialist Governments, have become electioneering chopping blocks. Reading Socialist speeches Australians and New Zealanders, at present in Britain, feel they have come from a paradise. Reading from the Conservative speeches it is plain to these visitors that down under they live in purgatory.

WHERE IS INDIA?

India is not in the picture at all, except at Sparbrook where Mr. Palme Dutt is Mr. Amery's greatest headache. The India Secretary has been literally rattled at the failure of his department to prevent the Bengal famine despite the warnings of the Indian people. There goes on a great battle of words and pamphlets at Sparbrook. Everytime Mr. Dutt opens his mouth Mr. Amery does likewise, but with the nervous feeling that John, his prodigal son who is returning home, at least the "Daily Express" says so, has not been of much help to his daddy. Instead, he has become an additional liability.

LABOUR AGAINST DUTT

In this situation, Mr Amery's Labour opponent appears as a mere side-shower. Whereas Mr. Dutt's speeches and statements are worthy of endorsement by every Labour candidate, his Labour opponent has been indulging in a campaign which gives the impression he is more concerned with defeating Dutt than capturing the seat from Mr. Amery. He would be the happiest man in Britain if Mr. Dutt forfeits his deposit, the chances whereof now seem remote.

India is also mentioned in constituencies where Messrs. Sorensen, Cove, William Dobbie, Seymour Cocks and Communists are the candidates.

By a peculiar coincidence letters are reaching here from Australia and New Zealand to Conservative candidates in quick succession. The latest batch of letters quoted by these candidates are dated June 15. Many suspect these are manufactured here for propaganda. Perhaps they may be genuine. Here is one: Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Profumo, Conservative candidate defending Kings Thorpe, Northants, quotes from a letter which he said he had received from Autralia: "Poor old England,—most of us are furious with Mr. Attlee for forcing the election at such a time. After all what Mr. Churchill has done for us, I would like him to see at close range what their Socialism has done for Australia and he would not be so happy about it. Today it is a land of strike, strike, and still more strike....'

Production Minister Lyttelton at a speech at Hull spent much time in answering Labourites who shouted from the hall, "What about Australia, what about New Zealand". Captain Lyttleton mentioned the Australian railways, forgetting, as everyone else does, that there is no basis for comparison between English and Australian railways. Australia is a young land needing development and uneconomic raillines may sometimes pay in the same way as uneconomic education pays all countries.

I am told on excellent authority that Mr. S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, and other Australian officials in London are worried about the widespread misrepresentation of Australian economy, deliberately fostered by the Conservatives for Party purposes. But they hesitate to protest because they do not want to mix in British politics.

GESTAPO IN NEW ZEALAND?

However, New Zealand's Acting Premier has cabled his High Commissioner in London to protest to the "Daily Mail" against a letter alleged to have been written by a New Zealand girl complaining of Gestapo methods used in New Zealand. New Zealand High Commissioner's wife, Mistress Jordon, has also protested through newspapers against an inaccurate statement indulged in by the Conservative Press about the conditions in New Zealand. This morning she writes: "To say I am disguested is to put it midly. The letter which the "Daily Mail" has published is a vicious misstatement."

PUBLIC UNCONCERNED

The most pleasingest feature, of course, is that the public for most part understands its electioneering hot air and does not take it altogether seriously.

As for the election result—it is anybody's guess—the majority opinion seems to be that the Conservatives will be returned with a very reduced lead, may be 30 or 40 above all other parties. The "News Chronicle" has been featuring a public opinion poll which indicates that Labour will win. Although all Europe has been moving towards Left it will certainly be exceptionally sensational if British Socialists with 171 seats against the Conservatives' 352 will stage such a sensational recovery. All experts are tipping the revival Liberalism, many claim, at the expense of the Conservatives.

In the meantime with Mr. Churchill still tubthumping in the East-end "this strange and unhappy election campaign", as the "News Chronicle" calls it, drawing to its end.

CHURCHILL'S "DEFEAT"

The Tory election campaign has reached its climax at the Walthamstow Stadium, famous for its greyhound racing, last night with a flop and thud. Mr. Churchill met his Waterloo from the people of London. It was greatest public defeat and humiliation ever suffered by a British Prime Minister. The stadium which was reputed to hold 30,000 people accommodated a crowd about of 10,000, there being plenty of empty seats opposite the grand stand. There was a strong body of what seemed to be organised hecklers who quickly came in action. There was lusty booing and enthusiastic cheering before Mr. Churchill's arrival. He was ten minutes late and sensing the mood of the meeting he got down immediately to business by controlling the hecklers. When the booing got really bad he raised his voice and praised the heroism of the Londoners during the "Blitz". That was a poor imitation of Herbert Morrison. "Well you can't boo at that", he shouted and even the heartiest heckler had a laugh with him when he dismissed the Labour ideas as idiotic ideologies. Pandemonium broke loose when Mr. Churchill christened his opponents as the booing party. But even during the most heated repartees he never used the words "Communists" or "Trotskyites". He kept on referring to the Labour Party as the Labour Party.

After finishing the Walthamstow Show, Mr. Churchill returned to No 10, Downing Street and sent a letter to Mr. Attlee—yet another letter regarding Mr. Harold Laski. But before the letter reached Mr. Attlee he issued it to the Press. It was all a part of the election plan—not to allow Mr. Attlee enough time for a reply to appear simultaneously in the earlier country editions of the London papers.

In the right Fuehrer style he demanded from Mr. Attlee a signed statement by Mr Attlee and Mr. Laski explaining the working of the Labour Party in relation to their Parliamentary colleagues. Mr. Attlee snubbed him back. He could do so only after midnight, but he did so well that the "News Chronicle's" political correspondent says: "Mr. Attlee still holds the initiative on the very eve of the poll. Mr. Churchill is back where he had started 18 days ago. There is now a growing belief among Labour leaders that Mr. Churchill's swansong before the election will be to withdraw the invitation to Mr. Attlee to join the "Big Three" talks in Berlin. In snubbing Mr. Churchill, Mr. Attlee told him "I think you underestimate the intelligence of the public. I do not share your belief."

LASKI BOGEY, A BOOMERANG

Mr. Churchill's letters to Mr. Attlee creating the Laski bogey has been a boomerang. Everywhere the Conservatives are prepared to admit the very persistency of the trickery may swing thousands of floating voters into the Labour camp. Prominent Tory workers advised the Central Office to drop the Laski bogey as it had completely failed to evoke support for the Conservatives. They say it is Lord Beaverbrook who is behind this latest attempt to make a dead horse walk. A fortnight ago a prominent Liberal renegade supporter of Mr. Churchill warned local officials that Lord Beaverbrook's political cakewalk might prove one of the Conservatives' greatest dangers.

Scolding Lord Strabolgi yesterday for his statement that the Churchill had advertised for a gardener at 50 shillings a week, Lord Camrose's "Daily Telegraph" states that it has "carried out a careful search of London newspapers and could not trace any such advertisement". Perhaps Lord Camrose forgot to search the columns of his own newspaper. The advertisement mentioned by Lord Strabolgi appeared in the "Daily Telegraph" on June 25, page two, column eight, under the heading "Mistress Churchill". At a speech yesterday Mr. Shinwell said that Mr. Churchill was now showing himself in his true colours. "This is not a great war leader but the Churchill of pre-war days who spent the nation's money to fight Soviet Russia and returned this country to the gold standard causing a great depression, and tried to down the miners in 1926 and did more to prevent the solution of the Indian problem than any other man in our political history."

For the first time today's "Daily Mirror" devotes the entire front page to a single topic—a 15-line editorial message in bold type telling readers to vote for men who "for five long years from Berlin to Burma, through the desert jungle, on seas, in the air fought and are still fighting for you."

TIED-MILEAGE UNIT CONTRACTORS' DEMAND

Rail Road Co-ordination Scheme Must Be Postponed To Enable New Council To Review It

The Tied-Mileage Unit contractors of Bombay province who are threatened with extirpation from their business as a sequel to Government's Rail Road Co-ordination Scheme, mustered strong at Green's Restaurant, Bombay, on Wednesday afternoon, in order to protest against Government's contemplated measures and devise ways and means to get their grievances redressed.

The occasion was a lunch attended by leading contractors which was followed by an emergent meeting. Sirdar Balwant Singh of Messrs. Singh Transport Company, presided.

Mr. D. H. Rajpal of the Bharat Transport Company addressing the meeting observed that under the Scheme as framed by Government it was intended to form 11 Joint Stock Companies in the 11 zones, of which the Government of Bombay would acquire 35 per cent shares; the Railways were allotted 30 per cent shares; ten per cent of the shares would go to promoters and 25 per cent would be left for the existing operators. Further, the Government intended to grant shares to the operators to the extent of the value of their vehicles covered by valid permits and also further shares in respect of valid 'B' permits valued at Rs. 500 each. The speaker pointed out that the scheme was initiated by the Central Government as they feared that soon after the war was over, an enormous number of vehicles as well as a large number of trained drivers would have to be diverted to civilian use. For this reason the Railways had decided to get on to the roads, jointly with road operators with the ultimate object of acquiring a commanding interest. The roads being a provincial subject, the Railways could not proceed without taking the provinces into confidence. The proposed Scheme for the province of Bombay intended to give 65% of the shares of the Joint Stock Companies to the Government and the Railways.

BENTHALL'S ASSURANCE

Mr. Rajpal referred to the debates in the Central Assembly when an assurance was given by Sir Edward Benthall that Government would not ignore the rights of the existing contractors and would give them a fair share in the Rail-Road Co-ordination Scheme and that only in those cases where operators lacked finances, the Government would acquire a major share. A similar promise was made to the speaker and Mr. D. V. Chopra by Sir Kenneth Michael of the Imperial Secretariat when they met him at New Delhi, that the claim of the Tied Mileage Unit Contractors would not be ignored.

A careful analysis of the Scheme showed that the Railways and the Government of Bombay were determined to acquire 65 per cent interest in all the 11 companies. The Bombay Government in this respect had gone a step further than the other provinces. They had also totally ignored the fact that this province did not lack in well-experienced transport operators with abundant financial resources at their command.

The Government of Bombay Bombay had very tactfully worded their scheme and said that shares equal to full present market value of their vehicles would be given to the existing operators but they had not clarified the position as to how the present market value would be assessed. It was a well known fact that owing to the present conditions of war, the existing operators had acquired their trucks at higher values. It was feared that the scheme of assessing their prices would be very drastic and the capital value of the trucks would not be assessed at even 1 3 their present value. Hence the existing operators who may wish to participate in the Scheme would have to sacrifice 2 3 of their capital by accepting a reduced valuation from the Government and thus obtaining shares of comparatively small value than what they would be entitled to. The speaker emphasised that the Government of Bombay had shown a complete disregard to the rights of the Tied Mileage Unit Contractors of the province and would totally deprive them from participating in the Scheme as it was laid down that the new permit holders for goods service who had obtained permits after 1942 would not be eligible to obtain any shares in the proposed Joint Stock Companies.

The speaker reminded the Government that the huge capital invested by them was not through any philantropic motives, and it was several crores, but in order to help Government in the time of their need, and to establish themselves as operators in the province.

PLEA FOR POSTPONEMENT

He, therefore, made a strong appeal that as the matter was of great importance to the operators of the province and in view of the expectation that the Viceroy's Executive Council may be replaced by a popular one and also popular Governments in the provinces, the Rail Road Co-ordination Scheme may be postponed so that the matter may be reviewed by the new Council and provincial Government. Alternatively if the Government insisted that the Scheme should come into force at once, then it was urged that the existing operators including operators with permits prior to Dec. 1942, war-time operators and the Tied Mileage Unit Contractors all jointly be given 50 per cent interest in the Scheme. Mr. Rajpal concluded by exhorting contractors to join together and present a united front or else he said they would be completely ousted from the Transport World.

Mr. H. C. Agarwal, partner of the M. K. J. Transport Company in a similar speech outlined the measures the contractors would have to adopt in order to safeguard their vital interests.

Mr. W. W. Egerton of Messrs. Keir Egerton and Company strongly recommended the formation of an association which would champion the cause and protect the interests of the contractors.

After some other speakers addressed the meeting, the Lease-Lend Operators' Association was formed and Sardar Balwant Singh was elected its President. It was resolved that a memorandum be submitted to the Government and connected bodies demanding immediate redressal of the grievances of Lease-Lend Operators.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION DISALLOWED

BANGALORE, July 3 (A.P.I.): An adjournment motion to discuss the loss of life and property resulting from the plane crash on the village of Kogile about ten miles from Bangalore on June 29, was disallowed by the President in the Mysore Legislative Council this afternoon on the ground that the question did not involve the administrative responsibility of the Government.

RANGERS-DALHOUSIE DRAW

CALCUTTA, July 4 (A.P.I.): The only match played today in the First Division of the Calcutta Football League between Rangers and Dalhousie ended in a draw, each side scoring two goals.

THREAT TO KILL JOURNALIST

BUENOS AIRES, July 3 (Reuter): Mr. Joseph Newman, correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune" took refuge in the United States Embassy here last night alleging that he has been threatened in a telephone conversation with a person describing himself as Captain Moretti of the Ministry of War. He interpreted the message he was given as a threat to kill him.

The Argentine Ministry of Information later issued a statement declaring that Mr. Newman's action was "part of a systematic campaign to belittle the country."

LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR CENTRAL HULL

LONDON, July 3 (Reuter): Capt. Mark Hewitson was tonight selected a Labour candidate for Central Hull in succession to Walter Windsor, who died suddenly on June 29. Polling will not now take place in Central Hull Division until later this month.

LICENCE CANCELLED

For profiteering in firewood, the firewood retailer's licence granted to Mr. Dattatray Marutirao Sawant, Gokuldas Possa Road, Dadar, Bombay, has been cancelled by the Government of Bombay from July 9, 1945.

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LISTER ANTISEPTICS

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VIDYA: "TELL ME YOUR SECRET."
NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE: "THERE'S NO SECRET. SINCE I GIVE MY HUSBAND LIPTON'S HIMALAYAN BLEND TEA HE IS IN THE BEST OF HUMOURS. IT GIVES HIM A NEW LEASE OF LIFE WHEN HE COMES HOME TIRED FROM OFFICE."
VIDYA: "TRUE! THE DAY BEGINS FOR THEM WHEN IT ENDS FOR US. SHOULD I ASK THEM?"
VIDYA: "I KNOW YOU ARE TIRED BUT TRY THIS CUP OF TEA. IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO ME."
VASANT: "YOU WERE RIGHT—I CERTAINLY FEEL VERY MUCH REFRESHED. IT IS SOMETHING NEW IN TEAS."
VASANT: "WHAT'S THE USE, VIDYA — ALL TEAS ARE SURELY THE SAME."
VIDYA: "AND QUITE INEXPENSIVE. YOU CAN HAVE IT DAILY FROM NOW."

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To-day

Hindu: Jeth Vad 11, 2001
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Sunrise: 7-6 a.m. Sunset: 8-20 p.m.
Hightide: 9-30, 29-59. Lowtide: 2-54, 15-18.

To-day's Engagements

CORPORATION MEETING at Corporation Hall to-day at 2 p.m. (B.T.)

RENAISSANCE CLUB: Prof G. D. Parikh will speak on "Education For Democracy" to-day at 6-30 p.m. at the Library Hall, Cama Oriental Institute, Apollo Street, Fort.

INDIAN HERBAL REMEDIES: Lecture by Dr. Edul-Behram at Mazdaznan, today at 6-15 p.m. at Alexandra School, Waudby Road.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY: The election of the President, the Secretary and the 10 members of the Managing Committee for the year 1945-46 is announced. President is Sir Cowasji Jehangir Bart., and Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. V. Oak.

POSTAL NOTICE: With immediate effect private and commercial telegrams in plain English or French or any one of authorised commercial codes are admitted to and from Italy except following provinces Aosta, Bolzanno, Cunee, Fiume, Korizia, Ola, Sondri, Torine, Triente, Trieste, Udine and Zara. Commercial telegrams must be restricted to those ascertaining facts and exchanging information.

RAO BAHADUR BOLE'S 76TH BIRTHDAY: Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole's 76th birthday was celebrated on Friday last at his residence and on Saturday at the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Dadar, under the auspices of the Kitte Bhandari A. V. Mandali when flowers and congratulations were offered to him on behalf of the B. P. Hindu Sabha and several other institutions. Haridas Piluboa Vadujkar performed 'Kirtan.'

BHABHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARHSIP: The J. H. Bhabha Scholarship for the year 1945-46 has been assigned to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research which was founded jointly by the Government of Bombay and the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust at the commencement of the present University sessions. The Scholarship is to be awarded to the best research student in physics at the Institute.

YASHODABAI MONJI AMIDAS VORA DISPENSARY: During the six months ending March 31, 1945, the average daily attendance of patients at the above free dispensary at Vile Parle run by the Municipality from the Municipal funds and partly from the rents realized from the property donated to the Municipality by Sheth Monji Amidas Vora was 90.5. The number of patients treated during the period under report being 16,290.

ROTARY CLUB: At a meeting of the Members of the Club, Rotarian W. M. Martin was installed as President for the 1945-46 and the President together with the following Rotarians constitute the new Governing Body:—Vice-President: Rtn. Merwanjee P. Patel; Hony. Secretary: Rtn. N. N. Ghose; Asstt. Hony. Secretary: Rtn. S. K. Kooka; Hony. Treasurer: Rtn. F. R. Merchant; Directors: Rtn. Immediate Past President Behram N. Karanjia, Rtns. D. E. Budgett-Meakin, Sir Chintaman D. Deshmukh, F. A. Fazelbhoy, Habib I. Rahimtoola, A. Forrington, F. R. Moraes, Sir B. Rama Rau and S. F. B. Tyabji.

B.E.S.T. WORKERS' UNION: At the annual general meeting of the members of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, the following office-bearers among others were elected for the ensuing year:—

President: Mr. Abid Ali Jaferbhai; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Baburao N. Sharma, B. L. Salvi and S. K. Mane; Gen. Secretary: Mr. G. G. Mehta.

A resolution was passed authorising the Managing Committee to take appropriate steps to secure the demands of the workers of the various departments and if necessary to submit the disputes to arbitration and to do all that may be possible to avoid strike. If, however, the Company fails to respond, the required notice for the strike may be given.

Resolution was also passed supporting the demands of the Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association regarding dearness allowance, etc.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, JULY 5.

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244 m (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8.30 Haribhau Ghangrekar. 8-45 Rajen Sircar. 8-50 News (M) 9.0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow 9.15 Saleh Mohammad and Party. 9-30 Dadre. 9-45 AIR Quartet. 12-30 p.m. Songs (H). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12.55 News (H). 1-0 Selections. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 2-30 For Women (M). 4.20 School Broadcast. 5-0 P. N. Khardenavis. 5-15 Nino Muzumdar. 5-30 Sarangi. 5.45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Kausalya Manjeshwar. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Matters of Moment 6-50 Selections from Bhavtutarang. 7-0 Loakshakar Cloth Rationing (G). 7-15 P. N. Khardenavis. 7-30 Haribhau Ghangrekar. 8-0 Saleh Mohammad and Party. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Ninu Muzumdar. 9-0 News (H). 9.20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C News. 9-45 Sports Review. 10-0 Doris Oscar (Soprano). 10-10 Interlude. 10-15 Vere Da Silva (Violin). 10-30 Tuna Portuguesa with Renee Da Cunha.

GOING TO AMERICA FOR FURTHER STUDY

Sjt. Bipinchandra Maganlal Mehta

Sjt. Bipinchandra Maganlal Mehta, the son of the prominent industrialist of Bombay, Rajratna Sheth Maganlal Prabhudas Mehta is going shortly to America for further study of B.Sc., Technology)

Azad Welcomes Palestine Move To Codify Islamic Law

Hopes Enlightened Ulema Of India Will Co-operate And Realise Urgency Of Reform

SIMLA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has issued the following statement: "While I was in detention at Ahmadnagar Fort, "Reuter" flashed a report from Palestine that impressed itself upon my memory It was the news that the Ulema of Palestine had appointed a committee of Muslim jurists to revise and codify Islamic Law (Fiqh). Basing itself on the fundamental principles of Islam, the Committee would aim at a reorientation of Islamic Law to meet the requirements of the modern age. It would first consolidate the four orthodox schools, namely, Hanafi, Shafe-ee, Hanbali and Malekee into one unified code. It would then select out of the consolidated manuel the most suitable decrees and injunctions on specific questions.

'The Palestine Committee aims at meeting one of the most important social and religious needs of the Muslim world, and is therefore welcome to all Muslims who realise the urgency of reform and progress. If the Committee succeeds in achieving its object, it will fulfil one of the cherished dreams of all Muslim reformers of the Nineteenth Century. They all dreamt of such a renaissance but could not see it realised during their lifetime.

EGYPTIAN REFORMER

"One of the foremost reformers of the Nineteenth Century was Sheikh Mohammad Abduhoo of Egypt. After the failure of the insurrection of Araby Pasha, he was exiled to Beirut. While there, he submitted a memorandum to the Sheikhul-Islam of Constantinople. This was to urge him to take the lead in initiating a reform of Muslim Law. The attempt did not succeed as the time was inopportune. The regime of Sultan Abdul Hamid was so reactionary that even to speak of reform was a crime.

"The move of the Palestine Committee is not a novel one. The foundations of the reform movement were laid down by Muslim Scholars several centuries ago. They were, however, too far in advance of their time and the conservatism of the time could not accept their ideas. Sheikh Ahmed Ibn-i-Taimiah and his disciple, Ibn-i-Qayyim, urged a reform of Islamic Law on the very lines now suggested by the Palestine Committee. Qadi Mohammad Shaukanee, a well-known divine of Yemen, based his reforms on the same principles. These are embodied in his famous book, "Nail-ul-Autar" which is extant, and can serve as a guide in our modern efforts at reform. All that we have to do is to build on these foundations and raise a structure suited to the need of the modern age.

CREDIT TO PALESTINE

"Egypt is the greatest centre of Islamic learning in the modern world. It is for her to take the lead in carrying through such important reform. Sultan Ibn-i-Saud belongs to the same school of thought as Ibn-i-Taimiah and Ibn-Qayyim. One would expect him to be the standard bearer of the reform movement. It was, however, neither Egypt nor Hejaz which took the lead and the move came from a quite unexpected quarter. The credit of Palestine becomes greater as nobody could expect from her such a bold step.

"The formation of the Palestine Committee is thus an event of international importance. It is a pity that it has evoked no response from Muslims in India or elsewhere. While still in detention, I decided that on my release I would welcome the move on behalf of Indian Muslims. I now offer my heartiest congratulations to the Palestine Committee and can assure them that the enlightened and progressive Ulema of India will render them all help and co-operation in their noble task.

DR. PURDY'S CASE

Dy. Inspector Khan Gives Further Evidence

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Deputy Inspector Khan continued his evidence, when the case against Dr. Purdy and Edward Denis Gee, came up for hearing before Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, to-day.

Four letters bearing different dates had been given to the police by M. K. Batliwala and they were put in for identification. On December 3, 1944, the pair of 'chappals' found in the fibre attache case left at the place of the alleged robbery, was identified by Deju Manjana. A dhobi in Juhu called by the C.I.D. had identified from among thirteen pieces of cloth, a shirt and a pair of shorts also found in the abovementioned fibre attache case.

Cross-examined by Mr. K. M. Desai, counsel for Dr. Purdy, Mr. Khan said that he knew Dr. Purdy was a political worker and that his name was in the record of the special branch of the C.I.D. dealing with political workers. He had not made investigations into the bank account of the first accused before the alleged robbery, nor did he know that he was the owner of a journal "Buyers' Guide" from 1939 to 1941.

Witness knew that he had a clinic in Lamington Road (for which a rent of Rs. 65 was being paid) and that he sometimes stayed in Juhu but was not aware of the renting of the bungalow in Matheran.

Cross-examined by Mr. D. J. Ganstra, counsel for second accused, witness said that he started assisting Inspector Quilter in the investigations from December 12, 1944.

Sub-Inspector Diwadkar, in his evidence said that he was attached to the Mahim Police Station in 1944. Dr. Purdy was brought to the Mahim Police Station by Deputy Inspector Kadam on September 21, 1944. On the 24th he was informed that there was an unattended car near Shivaji Park Petrol Pump. He went there and attached the Ford Car BMW 3760. Several articles were found in the car including receipts, four sovereigns, a membership card of Journalists' Association of India in the name of Dr. M. G. Purdy, and a brief case containing among others papers connected with the Mazdoor Trostkyite Party.

The hearing was adjourned to July 6.

AMBEDKAR IN CITY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member of the Government of India arrived in Bombay this morning by the Frontier Mail.

MILK CENTRES SHIFTED

The evening milk distribution centres B/22 will be shifted from Friday (July 6) to the rear portion of the Imamwada Hall, 2nd Nishanpada Cross Lane, Bombay.

JAIRAMDAS VISITS DHARAVI SLUMS

Mr Jairamdas Doulatram, Member of the Congress Working Committee, who is at present in Bombay, paid a visit to the slums of Dharavi on Monday (2nd inst.) evening and personally acquainted himself with the pressing social and civic problems of the working class residents of that area. He was accompanied by members of the Sion Congress Samithy and other workers of the locality on whom he stressed the necessity of a well organized and comprehensive scheme of social work including items like slum clearance, removal of illiteracy medical relief, etc.

RASHTRABHASHA EXAMINATIONS: The Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha, writes: The last date for filling the Rashtrabhasha Prarambhic, Pravesh, Parichaya and Kovid examinations of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samithi, Wradha, to be held on Sep. 1 and 2, 1945, is 10th inst. Application forms for them will be received at the Sabha office, Adenwala Mansion, Chaupati Seaface, near Wilson College between 4 and 6 on all days except Thursday.

AMERICAN MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Albert P. Quon, selected as the American Mother of 1945, is presented with an honorary scroll by Dr. Guy W. Wadsworth of the Golden Rule Foundation of the U. S. Pacific coast state of California. The Foundation is a private U. S. philanthropic organization which advocates the application of the Golden Rule 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Mrs. Quon born in Honolulu and Chinese by descent, is an American citizen.—U.S.O.W.I.

MANY SHOPS RAIDED IN BOMBAY CITY

BOMBAY, July 4 (A.P.I.): A concerted drive against hoarding and profiteering carried out in the course of a single fortnight recently by the enforcement officers of the Civil Supplies Department, Government of India, resulted in the detection of several cases of hoarding, profiteering, refusal to sell, failure to mark prices and non-exhibition of price lists. The drive was directed again shops in several localities in the city of Bombay. The largest number of cases of profiteering was detected in the Fort area.

A novel method of profiteering and evasion of controls was noticed in the Crawford Market where sales-girls were employed by some dealers to hawk rain-coats at exorbitant prices. About 200 rain-coats were seized from these sales-girls.

Among the other articles seized from dealers for profiteering in various localities wer 845 pencils, 240 cakes of soap, 24 electric fans and 24 brass 'bagonas'. In Dadar area several cases were booked for profiteering in articles of every day use.

Consequent upon the alleged refusal to sell certain electric goods to test purchasers, the shops and godowns of two big electric goods dealers in Bombay, were simultaneously raided by the Officers of the Civil Supplies Department, Government of India with a view to checking the stocks and verifying the position of goods in respect of which the sale had been refused. Further investigation is proceeding.

"Perennial Repairs" At Sleater Road

In a letter addressed to the Mayor of Bombay recently the residents of Sleater Road complain that a 50-yard stretch of road continues to be in a state of perennial repairy. The Municipal engineering staff dig up the road time after time for one reason or the other and in addition to creating an infernal din with their compressors, they pump out the water on the road which in addition to making the road slushy also helps to breed mosquitoes. Writing as sufferers as well as tax-payers they demand an investigation into the apparent slackness and lack of co-ordination displayed.

25 INCHES RAIN IN 24 HOURS!

Floods Take Toll Of Life And Property In Gujarat

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 4

Reports of heavy damage to property and loss of lives are reported from Kodinar Taluka due to floods consequent to the heavy downpour of rain, as much as 25 inches of rain falling within twenty-four hours.

Railway lines are cut in many places and two bridges at Sadak and Nala are broken. Fertile fields have been heavily sanded, buildings have collapsed and many seed godowns have been washed away. Dead bodies of people and of cattle are seen floating down the flooded rivers.

CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER CITY

Incessant Rains Cause 'Floods' In Streets

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The present heavy and almost incessant showers are due to a depression which has occurred about 50 miles South-East of Jubbulpore and is moving in a West-North-Westerly direction. This has given the weather a cyclonic touch. It is expected that Bombay will have heavy rainfall till noon tomorrow.

The constant downpours which commenced in the early hours of the morning hardly gave a respite to office-goers, most of whom reached their offices drenched to the skins like rain-soaked birds, inspite of the so-called protection of their umbrellas and rain-coats.

The city streets were inundated and pedestrians walked through flood-caused puddles which proved the bane of their pants and dhoties.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. to-day was 1.1 inches.

The total rainfall is 26.57".

The max. tem. 85.2 deg i.e. 1.3 deg. below normal.

The min. temp. is 75.1 deg. i.e. 1.8 deg. below normal.

DEPRESSION MOVES WESTWARDS

Widespread Rain In E. Gujerat And Konkan

POONA, July 4 (A.P.I.): The following are extracts from the weather summary for Wednesday, (4th July):

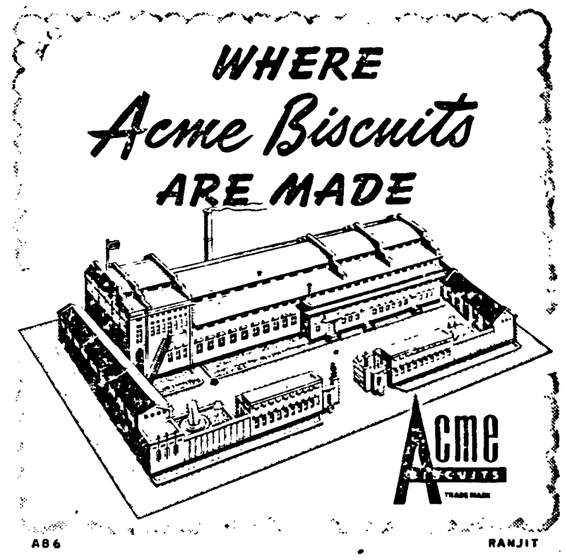
Yesterday's depression has moved westwards and is centred at 09-00 hrs. (I.S.T.) to-day, over East Central India, near Umaraia. Widespread rain has occurred from the Konkan and East Gujarat to Chota Nagpur and Gengal. The Arabian sea monsoon continues strong, while the Bay Branch is moderate. Widespread rain has also occurred in the West United Provinces and Malabar.

DEATH OF MR. A. M. MADAN

The death took place in Bombay, on Saturday last, of Mr. A. M. Madan, well-known Solicitor of the city, at the age of 74, at his residence. He enjoyed extensive practice in the legal profession, particularly among the mercantile and trading community. He retired from the legal line about 17 years ago. In spite of his occupation in this profession he could spare time to devote attention to the cinema trade, in which he was rightly reckoned as one of the pioneers, and which was established in Bombay about four decades ago. Equally keen interest took in histrionic art and he helped to bring out theatrical companies from Great Britain. He was also a racing enthusiast and a great knowledge of the turf—both in India and England.

New Criminal Sessions Opens

The third Criminal Sessions of the year opened on Wednesday, presided over by Mr. Justice Lokur. There was a calendar of 31 cases of which 13 were of murder.



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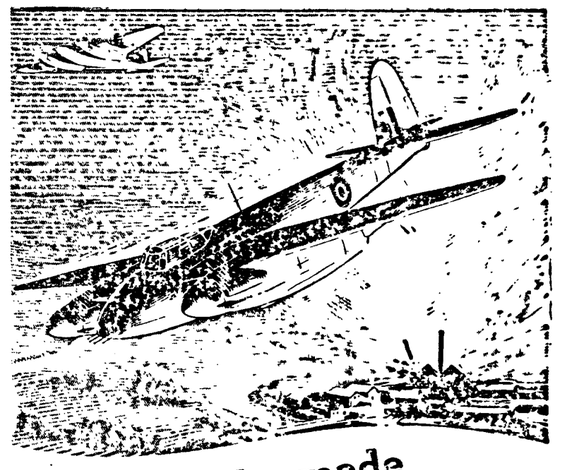
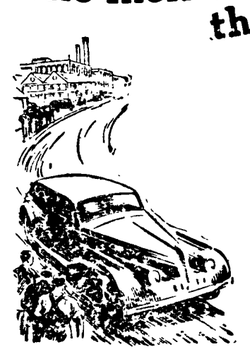


The men who made the "Mosquitoes"



The lines of tomorrow's cars may well be influenced by the Mosquitoes and other aircraft Britain's Motor Industry is making today, in collaboration with the Aircraft industry.

Many of the war-time developments that will surely advance the efficiency of peace-time transport cannot be announced while the war is in progress. But this much can be said: Britain will build a range of vehicles that will meet the exacting and specialised needs of overseas markets.

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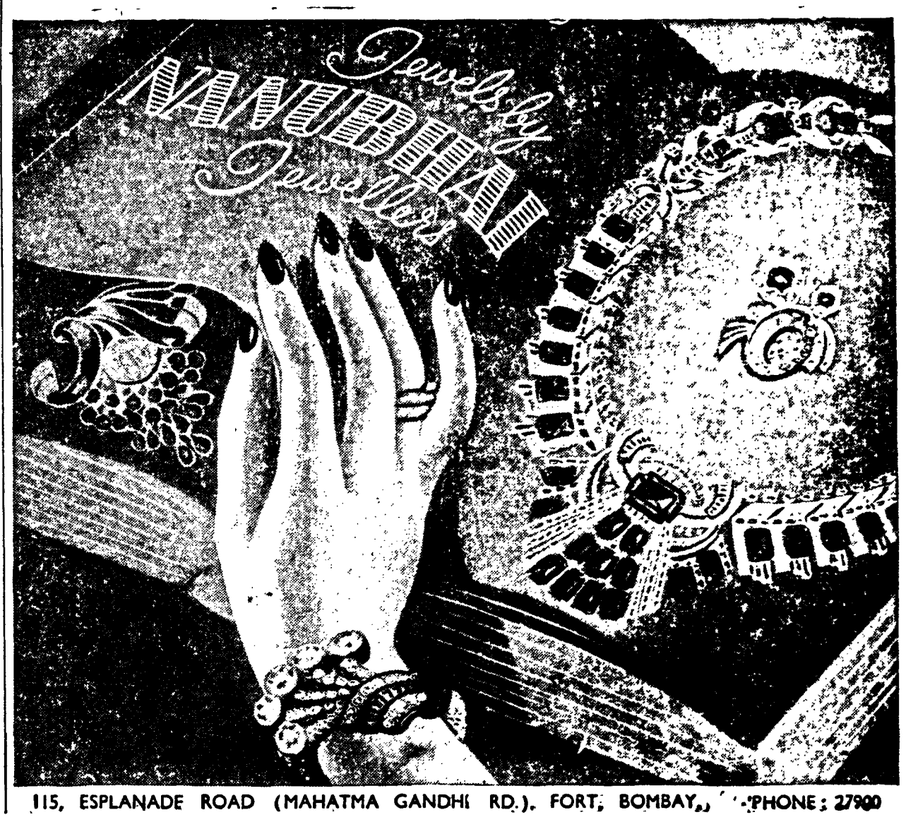

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—The following is the weather chart as recorded at 9 a.m. on July 4:

Ahmedabad 89 78 T 5.9—03. Amraoti 85 73 1.9 82—1.4. Bangalore 81 66 0 4.8—5.2. Baroda 90 77 1.2 6.5 nil. Bhopal 86 73 4.5 16.7 plus 6.3. Bombay 85 75 1.1 27.3 plus 3.8. Calcutta 87 80 0.1 18.5 minus 5.0. Cherrapunji 69 65 1.3 118.2 minus 84.2. Delhi 97 80 0 2.6 minus 4.6. Gulbarga 88 72 0.5 3.8 minus 4.0. Honavar 82 74 1.2 50.7 nil. Hyderabad (Dn.) 83 73 0 7.6 minus 0.9. Indore 84 73 0.7 5.0 minus 3.3. Jacobabad 107 85 0 2.5 plus 1.1. Madras 95 82 0 6.3 plus 0.2. Mahableshwar 66 62 3.3 57.2 plus 1.1. Pachmarhi 72 68 4.9 27.6 plus 13.0. Poona 82 77 0.2 5.2 minus 1.8. Quetta 94 68 0 4.1 minus 3.1. Rajkot 87 76 0.1 14.3 plus 8.4. Ratnagiri 87 77 0.7 28.6 minus 7.3. Sholapur 88 73 T 5.2 minus 1.7. Simla 71 61 0 16.3 minus 4.3. Surat 83 76 0 8.7 minus 2.5.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who sedulously attends, pointedly asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in possession of some of the best requisites of man.

—Lavater.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS

Available reports of the proceedings of the Congress Working Committee's meeting make it clear enough that the Committee has wholly endorsed the President's action in agreeing to give a trial to the Wavell Plan in its outline, while its details including the personnel of the Executive Council are still under consideration. Not many will be surprised at the Committee's decision after all that has been said and done during the last few days. The apparent change in the Congress policy towards Government is well explained by the President in the interview he gave to our special representative at Simla. "The Wavell offer", said the President, "by itself has no importance". "Its significance lies only in being the means for achieving the final goal of independence. It is only this aspect of the offer that has appealed to the Congress and made them take it seriously." In other words the Congress gives less importance to what the plan gives immediately than to what it can be made to yield for the future. Nor can it be said that Congress attitude towards imperialism in general has changed. On the contrary our representative learns on good authority that the Congress has taken a strong position over the issue of freedom of countries in South-East Asia, making it clear that "not one pie or soldier is to be given for perpetuating Britain's imperialistic stranglehold, participation in war effort being only for real liberation from Japanese domination."

It may be that the expectations about the future will all be falsified that the assurances given about foreign policy Defence expenditure and veto turn out to be futile in practice. In that case Congress can have no option but to quit office. The President goes further and says that, "if Britain were to break her pledge and we found other motives working behind the camouflage of the present offer "then India would have to wage another struggle for freedom" though "the correct and decisive scheme for such struggle would be only a post-war problem". It is not suggested that till then India should ignore future adverse possibilities and should be unprepared for them. Congressmen at least know that their Constructive Programme is as helpful as a preparation for any struggle as it is in peace-time. The President, says our representative, has a scheme for communal settlement and feels that "it will satisfy saner elements in the League and remove all genuine grievances and doubts in the minds of Muslims".

The Congress attitude towards the Wavell plan is by now appreciated by most parties including the smaller minorities. It is a pity however that by his intransigence Mr. Jinnah is completely isolating the League not only from the Congress but also from millions of Nationalist Muslims. President Azad rightly points out. "Our fight is not for loaves and fishes of office but for the vindication of the national character of the Congress. It is in the Muslims' own interest that such character of the Congress should be retained and upheld". Congress is in the vanguard of the struggle for national independence and can succeed only to the extent it has a national outlook and policy. League members should realise that by combating that policy and hindering the Congress they are doing a grave disservice to themselves as well as the country.

Frankly Speaking

Housing Facilities For Labour

The regulations issued by the Bombay Government to regulate the housing and sanitary conditions of non-agricultural labour in non-urban areas are good so far as they go, but may fail in their purpose if there is no fair control of wages. The present regulations require an employer to build residential quarters for his labour, and specify the accommodation and sanitary conveniences to be provided. The quarters are to be free of rent and are to be so built that every living room shall have a window and a superficial area of not less than 100 square feet. All this is certainly an improvement on the present conditions but the benefit will be much reduced if, in view of these facilities, wages are reduced. Let us hope a popular Government will come in soon and mend things where necessary.

Civic Amenities

The programme of slum clearance and other civic reforms on which the Mayor expatiated the other day with such commendable enthusiasm is very attractive indeed. But much of it has long been more or less academic and the people of Bombay will be grateful to the Mayor if he can get the Municipal Corporation to take up a good part of it for the next few months in right earnest and what is more, go through it. We readily concede that the Corporation has done some good work during the last two decades. But the tendency to put off hard items and exaggerate financial difficulties still continues. People now realise that if they want more civic amenities they have to pay more for them. But they rightly insist that they should get good value for their money and that the rate burdens should be equitably distributed.

Indian Immigration Bill

The U. S. Indian Immigration Bill now faces the final hurdle. Having been favourably reported on by the House Immigration and Naturalisation Committee it is now before the House of Representatives awaiting a date for debate. The sponsor of the Bill, Mr. Emmanuel Celler is "sure that on the floor of the House opposition will melt away". If the Bill passes the House, decisive opposition to it in the Senate is not likely. We hope the Bill is passed not so much for the sake of a few Indians who will benefit from it as for the sake of an important principle and of good relations between America and India.

Protests Against Byrnes

As was universally anticipated, President Truman has nominated Mr. James F. Byrnes for the post of Secretary of State and the Senate has quickly confirmed the nomination. But the question has arisen whether the choice of Mr. Byrnes to direct U.S. foreign policy is right or wrong. Mr. Byrnes had for long been known as enjoying the confidence of Franklin Roosevelt in foreign as well as domestic matters—he accompanied the late President to Yalta as adviser. In fact Americans used to describe Mr. Byrnes as "Assistant President". The confidence of Roosevelt is a great qualification. But, on the other hand, Negro spokesmen have just condemned his appointment accusing him of being notoriously anti-Negro. And the American "Daily Worker" charges him with anti-Russian prejudices. Added to this protest against Mr. James Byrnes is the resignation of Mr. Harry Hopkins well-known for his liberal views. It is however to be hoped that the continuity of the Roosevelt policy will, as promised by President Truman, be continued.

Important Mission

Seldom before has a Chinese Mission abroad been of such vital importance to China as the one that has gone to Moscow under the leadership of Dr. T. V. Soong the Premier. The Soviet Union which is now the greatest land power in the Eastern Hemisphere, is also an important neighbour of China. It is easy to see how any kind of relation other than friendly can influence the very future of China. Sino-Russian friendship and co-operation have got to be secured if a free China is to progress smoothly towards prosperity. The Chinese realise this fact. That is why they have sent their best man to Moscow in the effort to build Sino-Russian friendship on a solid foundation. For the Soong mission we believe is not concerned only with short-term and immediate objectives.

Happy Augury

But this mission is just as delicate and difficult as it is vital. There are outstanding problems between Russia and China both territorial and political, the latter because of the long-drawn conflict with its increasing bitterness between the Kuomintang and the Communists. And there is no denying the fact that relations between Moscow and Chungking have been more correct than cordial. Indeed there had, of late been instances of outspoken criticism, almost denunciation in the Moscow press of Chungking's policy and programme both in respect of the war effort against Japan and vis-a-vis the communists. It has therefore, come as a matter of pleasant surprise that the Soong Mission has begun its work in a happy and friendly atmosphere. The reception and hospitality accorded to Dr. Soong by the Russians who usually reserve such demonstrations until after the conclusion of serious business, are a favourable augury for the success for which every friend and well-wisher of China hopes and prays.

Our Readers' Views

Milk Muddle

The explanation given by the Public Relations Officer in your esteemed paper is a very poor excuse in defence of the Government scheme for requisitioning of milk. His only argument is that the interest of children should be above all. But the facts as they are prove to the contrary. At present, under the scheme, only a quarter seer of milk is allowed per child of over two years of age though the quota fixed is half-a-seer per child. Now can anyone imagine a child of over two years of age to be fed on this meagre quantity for the whole day? Even those who could afford their children the additional quantity required from local dairies are totally deprived of their only food by this requisitioning. The sick, invalids, and those in convalescence are hit hard by this unwise and hasty scheme. They are totally lost sight of. The whole scheme is nothing short of a muddle based on false estimates and miscalculations as is proved by the recent proceedings in the Municipal Corporation. It is high time the Government revised its hasty decision on requisitioning of milk.

Dr. B. V. Wed in your issue of 19th June asks whether the scheme is for welfare of the public or to push up the sales of skim milk powder? It seems from the bunglings of the authorities that the whole scheme is to bolster up the sales of huge quantities of skim milk imported from abroad. Will the Public Relations Officer please explain?

D. S. S.

Skim Milk Scheme

The question is asked by every person, why the Skim Milk Scheme has failed. The Government is issuing daily new notifications, immediately to be followed by amendments and modifications. In spite of so many orders and restrictions, the scheme is far from success. The reason is that the Government officials, instead of finding out the root cause of the present paucity of milk and exploring means to augment the city's milk supply, vainly try to restrict and reduce the milk consumption by the civil population. They profess to do this for the benefit of the children and the expectant and the nursing mothers. According to the Government statistics, about 208,000 children and mothers are taking advantage of this scheme. But will they say, how many people have been deprived of milk. 60,000 employees residing in hotels have been deprived of milk as they cannot bring milk in the hotels where they stay, nor consume it from the milk shops as the milk shops are not allowed to sell hot milk. There are 6,00,000 other people who are entirely dependent on hotels, who are also deprived of this vital essential nutritive article. Now we hear that 6,000 more families have been deprived of their milk since the Government have requisitioned the milk production of 187 dairies and even then, we are informed that the sufficient milk is not available for the subsidized milk scheme.

The Government should know that the people who can afford will consume milk in spite of the various restrictions, and there will be no saving of milk unless the city's milk supply is augmented by importing more milch cattle from outside and as long as steps are not taken in that direction, the present milk scheme will remain a failure in spite of the frequent declarations to the contrary, by the Government officers.

It is therefore hoped that the newly appointed Milk Advisory Committee will move in the right direction.

M. H. VYAS,
Hon. Secretary,
Bombay & Suburban Hotel-Keepers' Association.

Languages In Science Course

For some time the Bombay University has introduced under composition, for the science students, a paper in a modern language or a vernacular (I do not know if I should now say 'regional language'). In the case of the vernacular language student has no difficulty though he does not score so well as in a modern language. This would look on the face of it rather queer but it is not so at all. A student has to study the texts in the vernacular language while in the case of a modern language it is only cramming work. No questions are asked 'on grammar or construction' but it is only translating passages into English. The majority of the students hardly know the language they translate passages from, and yet score more than 80 per cent marks. The original idea must have been a good one, to make the student understand either French or German, as he would come across words or passages from either of the languages in his study (if he really studies).

In the case of the Commerce course things are still worse. The texts meant for critical study for the Inter Arts course are also appointed for the Inter Commerce but only for the purpose of translation work. It is sheer waste of energy.

What importance the college authorities give to the modern languages in the case of Commerce or Science courses is easily seen by he qualifications of those who teach these languages. Could not the University authorities make it a rule that all those who teach these languages should have a university degree in that language or a foreign diploma (a diploma from any university just because it is a foreign university should not be recognised). The sooner the university does this the better. The next thing they should pay their attention to should be the revision of the courses.

A FRIEND OF THE STUDENTS.
Poona.

Night College For Bombay

In reply to the letter which appeared in the issue of 9th June '45 of your paper under the signature of "one interested in learning", I wish to point out to the gentleman that the social service league is trying its level best to bring the scheme of the Night College for Bombay into operation. But as all know the scheme of such wide importance requires some days before it fructifies. I have to request those interested in learning to wait for some time and watch for further developments in the matter.

Those who are conversant with the procedure for starting schools or colleges very well know that the university authorities require some conditions to be fulfilled before they entertain any applications for the recognition of such institutions.

I hope those interested in learning will show patience and watch further developments calmly.

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Secertary, Night College Committee
Social Service League.
Bombay 4.

Pensioners' Appeal

Pensioners of all departments in the Revenue, Judicial, Police, Educational, Postal, Forest, Excise and other departments in the Central Division, have submitted a joint representation, this week, to Government for granting them extra allowance to meet the additional cost of living which in consequence of unusually high prices has been more than four-fold the normal cost, inspite of Government control over prices and rationing.

Their main contentions in the representation are: That in consequence of the long and continued high cost of living, many of them have come to the end of their reserves and have been obliged to part with portions of properties to prevent loss of credit and satisfy increasing liabilities:

That owing to age and infirmity many of them are incapable of adding to their income to meet the extra cost;

That taking these facts into consideration especially the long and continued high prices, the pensioners' prayer is that the extra allowance should not be less than 25% to all pensioners alike, whether high or low.

B. NAIK.

United Nations Conference—A Crowning Humiliation!

Fascism Is No More—But Imperialism Remains The Greatest Menace To World Peace

World Peace remains an empty dream still, though a so-called United Nations Conference has met and deliberated for weeks at San Francisco and the spokesmen of the nations gathered there have mouthed magic phrases like "Sovereign Equality of Man," "International Justice," "Four Freedoms" and "Universal Peace", and even adopted a Charter for the World, says Mr. S. A. Sabavala, Special representative of the "Bombay Chronicle," who attended the Conference and who has just returned to Bombay, in his final impressions of the Conference which he has summed up below. Though Fascism is no more, the other "Ism"—Imperialism—remains the greatest menace to world peace and will be prime root cause of world war III, unless steps are taken to counter the evil, says Mr. Sabavala.

On April 24, 1945, a hundred million Americans were asked by their President to invoke the Deity and pray for his blessings on the deliberations of 44 Sovreign Nations, whose representatives were meeting in solemn conclave at San Francisco to outlaw war and build a lasting peace. This request was complied with in all humility and with the utmost sincerity. As the delegates passed through the tightly packed streets 'en route' from their hotels to the Opera House, men and women from all walks of life, civilians and soldiers fell on their knees in silent prayer. Never before have so many millions of world citizens been united in a single common wish and thought. The delegates were obviously moved. At the opening session, speech after speech rolled and thundered from the rostrum, demanding that the sacrifices of the flower of manhood and womanhood be made to bear fruit in one wonderful unifying and illimitable Peace.

The Opera House presented a glorious spectacle. Dazzling with light and colour, it seemed as if the magic words uttered by these world leaders lent an added radiance to the scene. The crowded gallaries diplomatic boxes and Press stands were strangely hushed. From time to time the crowd moved and rustled in sympathy, as a young soldier came hobbling on crutches or tapped his way to a seat. It was these boys who were responsible for the staging of the awe-inspiring spectacle. Let them now sit back and hear what a grateful world was going to do to assuage the pain of their aching, crippled bodies and battered souls. It was a gratifying day for the rest of us. None could resist a feeling of rather shame-faced pride in the lofty aims and ideals expressed by all the United Nations. We felt we were contributing a little towards these fine sentiments and that at last we could begin to pay back to the few who had done so much. By the end of the second day everyone was slightly hysterical. There was much mutual back-slapping and a modicum of self-complacency. The boys, of course, said nothing. They stood in need of more than words but they realised that the words were necessary and so were prepared to wait quietly for the outcome.

A PITIFUL SPECTACLE

On June 20, 1945, these same one hundred million people were endeavouring, as fast as possible, to wipe out from their minds, the impression of the pitiful inadequacy of Man as represented by the United Nations Conference. A crowning triumph has soured into the crowning humiliation. Those same crowded galleries, diplomatic boxes and press stands were emptying fast in a mad scurry to get away and forget. From the rostrum words continued to pour. "Sovreign Equality of Man" and "International Justice", the "Four Freedoms", and "Universal Peace", these magic phrases had lost their magic because no one believed in them, including the world leaders who uttered them. The boys, the crippled and the blind, still said nothing. But on their faces was a look of such unutterable weariness, that it was best to take a quick look and then scurry away as fast as possible.

Yes, the United Nations Conference is a failure. It seems inexplicable. Forty-four war weary nations met to see that it does not happen again, because if it does, they will most possibly cease to exist as nations. They met with the highest intentions and the firmest resolve. They produced a Charter for the World, after sixty days of hard labour that will most assuredly produce World War III and hasten the process of social, moral and economic disintegration which is now taking place in Europe.

Universal and lasting Peace is only possible if the world is governed by the Principles of Internationalism. U.N.C.I.O. presumed that this was the case and it proceeded to construct the Charter on this erroneous presumption. The San Francisco Charter breathes of Human Rights and Interdependence and the necessity of seeing to it that all men are equal.

MENACE TO WORLD PEACE REMAINS

But none would take into cognisance the fact that unless the political and economic world differed considerably from actual reality, none of the clauses of the Charter could even begin to operate. We all know that U.N.C.I.O. was not a Peace Conference. We all know that it was convened to secure the world against future aggression and eradicate the causes of global war. This, it has not been able to do for the following reasons:— (1) Great Briain, France and Holland, three important signatories of the Charter, are Imperialist Powers. They are determined to continue their Imperialism. Now that Fascism is no more, the other 'Ism' remains the greatest menace to World Peace and the prime root cause of World War III. U.N.C.I.O. was unable to destroy a single evil of the Imperialist system, because any attempt to do so would lose it the support of its most powerful members.

(2) The other menace to world security is the enslavement of a large portion of Asia. None will deny and none did at San Francisco that unless the Middle and Far Eastern countries are permitted to develop their own way of life without outside exploitation and interference, the world will not and cannot have global peace. U.N.C.I.O. did nothing to set the people of Asia on the path of Sovereign Independence, because its sponsors would not permit it to do so.

(3) The policy of Regional Pacts and arrangements were permitted to develop and expand. This means that we are now to have large blocs of states ganged together, whose economic interests are bound to clash. The world, instead of being divided into Allies versus Axis, is now divided in to the American bloc versus the British Empire bloc versus the Soviet Union bloc. A fourth bloc is in the process of development, I mean, the Pan-Arab League. Thus we can all now say good-bye to Interdependence about which our own Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar waxed so cynically eloquent.

(4) Finally, global peace demands the existence of the United Nations and even more, a complete unity among the Major Powers, who are at present the only ones capable of unleashing another war. The United Nations, however, exist only on paper and unity between the Major Powers exists only for the duration of the Far East War. This was felt keenly by U.N.C.I.O., but very little actual headway was made towards the United world goal.

FEAR-RIDDEN WORLD

It is quite obvious that people and much less statesmen-dominated nations are not ready to sacrifice an iota of their sovereignty to an International Organisation. We are all fear-ridden. Fear of Want, Fear of one's rulers, fear of one's working class, fear of the bourgeois and last but not least, fear of one's neighbours, these were the phantoms that stalked through the Opera House at San Francisco and wrecked the chances of success on which U.N.C.I.O first launched itself.

CHARGE-SHEET AGAINST GRAZIANI COMPLETED

ROME, July 4 (Reuter): Preliminary investigations have now been completed into the charge against Mussolini's former Republican Army Chief of Staff, Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, according to the Italian News Agency.

If he is handed over by the Allied to the Italian Governmnt for trial, he will be liable to death sentence following degradation on the charge of assisting the Germans.

U. S. & BRETTON WOODS PLAN

WASHINGTON, July 3 (Reuter): The Senate Banking Committee has approved United States participation in the Bretton Woods Financial Plan.

Legislation dealing with this, which had earlier been passed by the House of Representatives, will go down before the full Senat on July 16.

Owing to the prevalence of cholera at Pandharpur the District Magistrate of Poona has issued an order prohibiting the "palkhi" procession in Poona City and District.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

(By NATVAR R. JOSHI)
NEW YORK, April 30

After the announcement of the formation of the India Technical Association by the United States Office of War Information in the early part of the year various inquiries have been directed to this Association from different sources in India. These inquiries show an amazing degree of similarity and ever-increasing interest in the American educational institutions their curricula their relative standing in the country, educational facilities, scholarships to foreign students, qualifications necessary for admission living conditions social life in America, and so on. Because of the limitation of resources and information available at hand at that time the writer in his capacity as an acting secretary of the Association (which is now in the process of reorganisation) was unable to answer these inquiries promptly and quite satisfactorily. However, the knowledge and experience gained from various sources in America in connection with these inquiries is so wide and so essential to the interests of Indian students that he feels it obligatory on his part to prepare and present, in his personal capacity, a general picture of the American educational institutions and other facilities to Indian students in America.

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There is a remarkable degree of difference between the Indian and American methods of education. One siresses the importance of theory the other of practice. Students in India may at times have wondered whether the object of the examination there was to judge what they did or what they did not know. Cases like that usually do not occur in American educational institutions, be it an art, business commercial law medical, technical or non-technical institution. Individual attention is the characteristic of many famous American schools and colleges. In under graduate work, generally in all types of institutions and especially in technical colleges, bi-weekly or monthly examinations are held in almost all subjects and daily assignments for a particular course. This kind of system seems to be mutually beneficial to the student as well as to the instructor. It gives the instructor an opportunity to study the defects as well as merits of his method of instruction and also a better knowledge of his student's ability. Likewise to the student, it is an opportunity and encouragement to show his skill again and again and to take some extra precautions and hard work in case of an unsatisfactory result in any of these examinations. The importance of these "quizzes" as they are popularly known and at times disliked by the student body should not be minimised, since the final grade in a particular subject depends greatly upon the student's showing in those "quizzes". Its significance becomes more evident only when a student leaves college after graduation and goes into practical life to find himself in a more enviable position than others of his qualifications without those virtues of studiousness patience and unfailing determination to achieve the final results at whatever costs.

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Another unique feature of education in America is its "Credit" or "point" system. Usually one credit is equivalent to one hour of lecture or laboratory work per week and a point about 3 hours per week. Each subject is assigned a certain amount of credits for school work as well as home work and generally an average student undertakes 45-50 credits or 15 points per term which amounts to 45-50 hours of study per week. The grades are given in these subjects according to the results of the final examination and quizzes as explained before. Failure in any of the subjects undertaken by the student does not disqualify the student from going ahead with other subjects in the next term or the following year. However every school or university has some minimum cumulative grade for each year of the four years of under graduate work, and if the student fails in more than 2 courses at a time and if the cumulative grade falls below the minimum standard, the student is generally asked to leave the institution.

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The school year is divided into two semesters of 15 weeks each or three terms of 10 weeks each—the first beginning generally in the last quarter of September or early October and the second in February to June. For an undergraduate student, starting as a freshman (first year) the usual period to receive a Bachelor's degree in almost all fields is four years. However many technical and non-technical institutions offer courses of instruction in the summer months credit for which is granted in the requirements for a Bachelor's degree. Many foreign students take advantage of this opportunity and finish the four year course in three years or sometimes even less. The writer and many of his friends have followed this method.

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Often times it has been asked as to what are the general requirements for admission in the American colleges and whether degrees from such colleges are recognised in India or not. In answer to the first part it can be said that any intermediate arts or science student of any Indian university will not have any difficulty in getting admission in some of the best institutions of America like Harvard, M.I.T. Columbia University, Cornell, California Tech., etc.; but in the opinion of man of us Indian students here, the real value of American education lies not as much in undergraduate work as it is in higher education and higher studies for Master's Ph.D. etc. Hence if possible it is strongly recommended that a student should come to America with a Bachelor's degree of an Indian university and work for the Master's degree here the period for which will not exceed 2—2½ years.

The merits of an American degree might not have been duly appreciated in the past due to various reasons however it has been recently come to the attention of the writer that various industrial organizations and governmental agencies have fully realized the value of several American institutions and steps have been taken toward appreciating it. The list and location of such institutions that are respected by American intelligentsia is included in the following article.

(To Be Continued.)

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

A group of delegates en route to Washington from the San Francisco Conference visited today the "Black-feet" Indian tribe in Glacier National Park Montana, where the Chief Bull Chow inducted five notables into the Tribe, including Indian delegate Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, whom he named "Chief Running Sun".

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According to an A.P.I. telegram from Simla, Maulana Habibur Rahman, President of the Majlis-i-Ahrar has been released from detention "at the instance of the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad".

We vehemently protest.

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Writes the Simla correspondent of an Anglo-Indian contemporary: "Meanwhile activity had slackened to such a degree that Mr. Jinnah spent nearly half an hour in the Cecil Hotel lobby this afternoon without being approached by a single news corresponde it".

Very tactfully put.

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"Until India comes first there is little hope for a settlement" Sir Sultan Chinoy advocating the acceptance of the Wavell Plan.

Doesn't Sir Sultan Chinoy have loyal faith in the policy principle and goal of the Muslim League and Mr. Jinnah?

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Bhai Parmanand, we learn, has called for a more vigorous observance of the Mahasabha "Protest Week" as a reply to the flat refusal of Lahore printers to print Hindu Sabha posters protesting against the Wavell Plan.

We endorse Bhaiji's call. But—er—is the All-India Protest Week" already on or is it to occur later?

Of course we condemn the boycott by the printers. They oughtn't to have deprived the people of Lahore of the amusement of a minor sensation.

They did need some relaxation during the period of tense suspense at Simla.

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In an election address Labour M. P. Emmanuel Shinwell is reported to have declared that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was not showing himself in his true colours.

There seems to be a mistake somewhere. As a matter of fact Mr. Churchill has only now been showing himself in his various true colours.

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Declaring, in an answer that there wasn't the slightest chance of Russia reverting to Czarism, George Bernard Shaw insisted that no sane man could envy a Czar when "he might be so much happier and safer to wield more real authority as a communist".

Now was old "G. B. S." being complimentary or—well it "is" rather a puzzle.

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It is reported that the Japs are preparing to defend Shanghai "to the bitter end" against an unexpected Allied attack.

To the bitter end of that hapless city of course.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Many are called and more are invited.

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She's a wise girl who can read her future in a mirror.

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The camel must be all right or nature wouldn't have backed him up.

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Lots of men tell the truth because it is the easiest way to fool some people.

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One should take a course in the manly art of self-defence before starting out to show people the error of their ways.

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There are some men who wouldn't steal a pin only because the intrinsic value of a pin is too small to interest them.

CURTIN'S CONDITION CAUSES GRAVEST ANXIETY

CANBERRA, July 4 (Reuter).—The condition of Mr. John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister, is causing gravest anxiety. It was reported here today. Mr. Curtin is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

A bulletin issued by Mr. Curtin's physician and consultant specialist said yesterday that the Prime Minister's condition had deteriorated during the last two weeks.

This was directly attributable, the bulletin said, to the serious illness from which Mr. Curtin suffered in 1944 when he had an attack of bronchial influenza.

His present illness began in middle April, and he was in hospital for three weeks in May.

U. S. "NON-STOP" OFFENSIVE AGAINST JAP AIRFIELDS

Five American Warships Penetrate Into Jap Home Waters And Shell Shikuka

NEW YORK, July 4, (Reuter): Five American warships, making the deepest penetration yet into the Japanese home waters, shelled Shikuka on Karafuto Japan's northern most island, says a Tokyo radio broadcast picked up here.

"NON-STOP OFFENSIVE"

ADMIRAL NIMITZ H.Q., GUAM, July 4 (U.P.A.)—American war planes carried their offensive against Japanese airfields and other objectives on the island of Kyushu into the 28th day yesterday, it was announced today.

More than 100 planes carried out new attacks blasting aerodromes, bridges, highways and railway lines. The attacks were described as part of a "non-stop offensive."

B-29 "Superfortress" planes have levelled more than 177 square miles of 18 Japanese industrial cities, an official announcement said.

JAP AIR RAID CASUALTIES

NEW YORK, July 4 (Reuter).—Tokyo Radio, picked up here by the American broadcasting company, stated today that 4,900,000 Japanese were killed, injured or rendered homeless in air raids on five large Japanese cities up to May 31, while 1,135,000 homes had been destroyed.

UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT PLANTS IN JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3 (U.P.A.)—A Radio Tokyo broadcast, quoting a Yomiuri-Hochi dispatch, today said that small underground aircraft plants, located in the mountains of Japan, are producing scores of planes monthly.

The production of planes in these factories can be raised to hundreds, the broadcast added.

THREE JAP BOATS SUNK IN SITTANG

ADV. H.Q., ALFSEA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Japanese in some strength with machine guns and mortars attacked our forces 14 miles north-east of Letpadan, on the Prome-Rangoon railway, says today's SEAC communique.

After a two-hour engagement, the Japanese withdrew to the south.

Three boat-loads of enemy attempted to cross the Sittang river 10 miles south of Toungoo. All the boats were sunk and no survivors have been found. Further south 16 Japanese bodies and several one-man rafts have been seen floating down the Sittang river east of Shweyin.

Sixteen miles east of Minhla patrols found abandoned enemy motor transport "in serviceable condition" and an artillery ammunition dump.

Spitfires sank three rivercraft and damaged 18 on the Sittang river.

H.Q. AIR COMMAND, SOUTH-EAST ASIA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—An official announcement states that Air Vice-Marshal S. F. Vincent, Officer-Commanding 221 Group, Royal Air Force, is succeeded by Air Vice-Marshal Cecil Arthur Bouchier.

AUSTRALIANS FORGING AHEAD IN BALIK PAPAN

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—Australians are driving on six miles east of Balik Papan, according to today's communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters and have captured the Sepinggan airstrip and town.

Reuter's Special Correspondent cabling from Manila, says that Sepinggan has a single 4,600 feet air strip, which is at present unusable owing to Allied bombing.

Australian radio reports of the capture of the Manggar airstrip, another six miles along the coast, are not confirmed at MacArthur's Headquarters.

The crews of the very strong Japanese defences facing the landing beaches were forced to vacate by heavy bombing and naval bombardment, it was disclosed today. This explains the slight opposition which invasion troops encountered, the correspondent adds.

MANILA, July 3 (Reuter): Australian troops have captured the Sepinggan airstrip and town and are driving on six miles east of Balik Papan, states today's communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters.

Inland from the original beach-head there has been little change, with activity devoted to consolidation.

In north-western Borneo, the Australian Ninth Division pushing up the Beaufort—Jesselton coastal railway for six and half miles took the town of Lumat and advanced further two miles north without opposition.

WASHINGTON, July 3 (Reuter): A new fourpoint blow by a very large force of Superfortresses at industrial targets in Japan was announced today.

About 500 bombers hit Himeji on Honshu island, Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kochi which are all on Shikoku. The raid was made on July 4.

Japs Close Down 110 German Firms And Capture 1,700 Germans

CHUNGKING, July 3, (Reuter): The Japanese have closed down 110 German firms in Shanghai including the big Siemens and Carlowitz companies and have arrested more than 1,700 Germans according to Chinese reports out of occupied China.

Reports describe Shanghai as "a chaotic and terror-stricken city". The Japanese have repeatedly advised Shanghai residents to evacuate but insufficient means of communication has prevented most of them from going.

The Japanese forced all non-military factories in Shanghai to cease operations and since the beginning of this year over 2,000,000 workmen and their families have been unemployed.

A. D. SHROFF DISAPPOINTED

U. S. State Dept. Inability To Arrange Prompt Tours Of Important Factories

NEW YORK, July 4 (UPA): Mr. A. D. Shroff, member of the Indian Industrial Delegation now in the United States, told the "United Press of America" to-day that he was most disappointed in the State Department's apparent inability to provide more help to the Delegation in arranging tours of industrial areas in the United States.

"We find your ideas different in this country," Mr. Shroff said. "For example, the State Department informs us that it requires eight to ten days to get Army and Navy permits to visit many of the most important factories. It looks as though we won't be able to cover as much ground as we had expected in our remaining four weeks."

He added that the other members of the Tata Group had a number of interesting talks in New York with American industrialists.

Shroff Says English Factories Use Obsolete Equipment

WASHINGTON, July 4 (Reuter):—Praise for the vast amount of well-planned research being conducted by the British industries was expressed here by Mr. A. D. Shroff.

Mr. Shroff, who arrived here from Britain last week, was not optimistic about the immediate prospects of British industry, but declared: "One thing definitely impressed me—the amount of research work carried on by the major industries in the United Kingdom."

Mr. Shroff was less cheerful on his immediate impressions. "Most of the English factories are old and in some cases obsolete equipment is being used. They will all certainly need considerable amount of rehabilitation before England can again achieve a competitive position in world markets.

"Particularly in respect to capital goods which are so urgently needed by India, it appears it would take from 18 months to two years before particular industries we are interested in, will be in a position to meet even a part of India's requirements.

"Textile and especially spinning machinery seems to be in a rather disappointing position so far as India is concerned. I don't think India will be able to get machinery from Lancashire before the end of 1946 or the beginning of 1947."

SISTER'S APOLOGIA FOR GOERING

"A Good Man With Such A Big Heart"

SALSBURG, July 4 (Reuter).—This apologia for Goering, soon likely to stand his trial as a war criminal, was made today by his Sister Frau Paula Hueber: "Hermann is such a good man with such a big heart. He helped so many people get out of concentration camps." (Goering himself, by the way, has asserted that he knew nothing about concentration camps, as they were a private matter between Hitler and Himmler).

Frau Hueber only agreed to be interviewed provided nothing defamatory, incriminating or derogatory was written about her brother, says Arthur Oakeshott, Reuter's special correspondent.

She assured me that Goering is so kind-hearted that whenever he heard that friends or acquaintances of his had been arrested by the Gestapo he would help them out. As an example she mentioned Doctor Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, and the former Austrian Secretary of State Karvinsky saying that Goering had caused them to be removed from prison and placed under house arrest.

But Frau Hueber said she had burned all letters of thanks from people Goering had helped.

CHINESE CAPTURE LIUCHENG

CHUNGKING, July 4 (Reuter).—Chinese troops, driving along Japan's southern corridor in South-east China, have taken Liucheng, 20 miles north of the recaptured base of Liuchow in Kwangsi province, said today's Chinese war 'communique.'

The Japs fell back to Chungtu. Other Chinese troops along the Liuchow-Kweilin highway reached the west bank of the Liu river, 6 miles east of Liuchow.

The Fourteenth Airforce continued to attack Japanese communications from the north of the Yellow river to French Indo-China.

Efforts To Woo Yenan

CHUNGKING, July 4 (Reuter.): Nearly 100 members of the People's Political Council arrived in Chungking from Chengtu, Kunming and other cities of free China to attend the Council's 45th session which opens on July 7, cables, Graham Barrow Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Members are visiting Yenan, the Communist Headquarters in north-west China to attempt to resume unity talks which were broken off four months ago and to persuade Communist leaders to send their delegates to the Peoples Political Council meeting.

Earlier, it was announced from Yenan that Communists would not be represented at the meeting.

Rains Mar Gandhiji's Public Prayers

SIMLA, July 4 (U.P.I.)—Due to heavy rains Mahatma Gandhi's public prayers were cancelled. Gandhiji made a private prayer in his room. Despite heavy rains a huge crowd collected outside the locked gate of "Manorvilla" to have Gandhiji's "darshan". Just after his prayer Mahatma Gandhi came out and went straight to the gate and advised the people to go home and hold private prayers alone or with friends.

Jinnah Flooded With Confidence Telegrams

SIMLA, July 4 (A.P.I.): According to intimation received by Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, twenty-one out of the total of twenty-two members will attend the meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to be held in Simla on July 6. The only absentee member will be Maulana Akram Khan who is unable to come owing to illness and has been medically advised not to undertake journey to Simla.

The Raja of Mahmudabad and Mr. Hasan Isphani, members of the Working Committee, arrived in Simla today.

Akram Khan's Threat

CALCUTTA, July 4 (A.P.I.): Maulana Muhammad Akram Khan, President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League and member of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee, in a statement to-day expresses the hope that a solution will be found at Simla although the prospect now seems gloomy. He adds: "There can be no solution based on any surrender by the League of fundamental principles and in their refusal to do so Mr. Jinnah and the Working Committee will have the entire nation's support."

"Lord Wavell cannot, under the express terms of the White Paper and his own broadcast, proceed with the plan unless both the organised political parties, namely the League and the Congress, come to an agreement.

"Should the unimaginable happen and Lord Wavell decide to go ahead with the plan with the one-sided co-operation of the Congress and its satellites, Muslim India will welcome the opportunity which such an unholy combination of the British and Hindus will offer to them to organise national resistance throughout the country."

Sind's Claim

KARACHI, July 4 (A.P.I.): Pir Illahi Bux, Minister for Education, has sent the following telegrams to Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, and Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Sind Premier at Simla.

"So far Sind has been ignored at the Centre. The claim of Sind should be pressed for representation."

Deputations Wait On Jinnah

A deputation of Muslim Ulema led by Maulana Hafiz Ziaullah Nadvi waited on Mr. M. A. Jinnah to-day and assured him of the fullest support of the Muslim Ulemas.

The deputationists included: Maulana Hafiz Abdul Gani, Hafiz Qari Ziaullah of Panipat, Hafiz Fakirullah of Saharanpur and Hafiz Mohd Issa of Simla.

Another deputation of members of the Jamiat-ul-Quresh, Simla, also waited on Mr. Jinnah and expressed full confidence in his leadership.

Assam Premier Sees Jinnah

Sir Mohammad Saadulla, Premier of Assam, called on Mr. Jinnah today and had ninety minutes' talk with him.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has received about 500 telegrams from commercial, vocational and sectional organisations of the Mussalmans and prominent Muslim saints and divines in various parts of India expressing full confidence in his leadership, endorsing the stand taken by him at the Simla Conference and declaring their readiness to make any sacrifice.

ULEMAS, "SUPPORTERS OF LEAGUE"

SIMLA, July 4 (A. P. I.)—Maulana Jamal Mian of Farangimahal, Joint Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, in the course of a statement to the Press questions the authority of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind to speak on behalf of the Ulemas of Deoband, Bareilly, Badayun and Farangimahal, the recognised institutions of Ulemas of India are supporters of the All-India Muslim League. He suggests that if the Congress wants a settlement with the Mussalmans it should enter into a pact with Muslim League which is the only authoritative body representing the hundred million Mussalmans of India.

FIGURES BELIE LEAGUE CLAIM

NEW DELHI, July 3 (A.P.I.)—Commenting on Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan's statement that out of a total of 600 Muslim seats in Indian legislatures 420 are held by Muslim Leaguers, Mr. Abulla Misri, Asst. Secretary of the All-India Muslim Majlis says: "I trust the Nawabzada will recollect that in the general elections in 1936-37, the League could not find a single candidate in the N.W.F.P., C.P., Orissa, Bihar, Assam and Madras. In other Provinces where the League contested elections, it got one seat in the Punjab out of a total of 175, in Bengal 39 out of 120, and in the U.P. 27 out of 66.

SIKHS DISOWN TARA SINGH

SIMLA, July 3 (A.P.I.)—A telegram sent to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, by five Sikh leaders of the Punjab disputes the representative capacity of Master Tara Singh and requests the Maulana to select to the Executive Council an able nationalist who enjoys the confidence of all Sikhs.

The signatories are Sardar Labhsingh Narang, Dy. President and Sardar Fritamsingh Bhatia, Political Secretary, All-India Sikh League, Sardar Madan Singh Gagga, Gen. Secretary, Central Akali Dal, Dr. Avtar Singh, President, Central Sikh Youth League, and Sardar Kirpalsingh Kanwal, Secretary, Kalsa Young Men's Union and Resident Secretary, All-India Sikh League.

NEHRU MEETS JINNAH

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dence. The leaders' conference had come to the conclusion that the Wavell Plan afforded such opportunities. That being the case, there was no point in adopting a course which would create new difficulties.

Furthermore both Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress President had been convinced of the sincerity of purpose of Lord Wavell and, therefore, it would be quite appropriate for the Congress to submit a panel of names and leave the matter in the hands of the Viceroy, who will make the final selection.

Stupendous Tasks

The task facing the Congress Working Committee, in the words of a prominent Congress leader, is "a stupendous one", for never was the Congress, except perhaps during the Cripps' negotiations in 1942, called upon to give up, at any rate temporarily, its revolutionary policy and take responsibility of Government both at the Centre and in the Provinces, writes the political correspondent of the 'Associated Press of India'.

The Committee is, therefore, concentrating its attention on the following questions:—

(1) What is to happen to the Congress organisation;

(2) Who are the fittest persons to be put in positions of power and responsibility at the Centre and in the Provinces;

(3) How to produce a Government as envisaged in the Wavell Plan in co-operation with other elements in the country, capable of taking effective steps to create a machinery for framing a new Constitution;

(4) How to secure team work;

(5) How to ensure co-ordination between the Centre and the Provinces so as to avoid repetition of events like the Bengal famine; and

(6) How to bend all the resources of the Governments both at the Centre and in the provinces to pull the country out of the present abnormal conditions.

CONGRESS ORGANISATION

These are the questions that have been engaging the attention of the Working Committee since it began its meeting at Simla yesterday. In the words of the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Committee is discussing the Wavell Plan and all questions arising therefrom.

The most important factor considered to-day is, what happens to the Congress organisation. This question was never seriously considered before —when the Congress took office in the provinces in 1937, the top men in the Congress organisation remained outside and effectively controlled and directed the policies of the various Provincial Governments through the Parliamentary Board set up by the Working Committee. Therefore, the Congress organisation functioned effectively.

CRUCIAL QUESTIONS

With the decision to accept power at the Centre, the problem arises whether the top men in the Congress can afford to continue to remain outside. If they remain outside, then the real purpose of taking power at the Centre may not be fully realised, but if top men like Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Babu Rajendra Prasad, join the Central Government, then what is to happen to the Congress. Who will direct and control, firstly, the Congress organisation and, secondly, the policies of the various Provincial Governments and give directive to the Central Government. If these do not come in, then who are the next best to be sent? Then, what is the machinery to be created to ensure proper team work at the Centre and coordination, firstly, between the Centre and the provinces and secondly, among various provinces.

MAHATMA'S ADVICE SOUGHT

The Working Committee spent the whole of this afternoon in considering these questions. It has not yet come to any conclusions on these points. The six points referred to above are so all-embracing that the Committee expects these will engage its attention at least for another day. The selection of Congress nominees to the new Executive Council is largely dependent upon the satisfactory manner in which the Committee is able to dispose of all these points. Once decisions on these questions are reached, it is pointed out, the selection of personnel itself will be an easy task and will not take long. In view of the importance of the questions, the Committee has sought Mahatma Gandhi's advice and guidance on these points.

PANEL OF NAMES

The general discussion which took place this morning on the question of selection of personnel could not be resumed this afternoon because of the more important discussion on the points indicated above. It is stated that this discussion will be resumed at tomorrow morning's session at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's residence.

The Congress High Command has taken extra precautions with all the members of the Working Committee to ensure absolute secrecy in regard to the panel of names the Committee will be submitting to the Viceroy. While informing the press that as soon as the panel is ready and submitted to the Viceroy the bare news of the submission will be announced. The General Secretary of the Congress said that no indication in regard to the names suggested would be given by the Committee, as it was essential that the names should be kept secret till they are actually announced by the Viceroy after his final selection.

The Congress High Command hopes to submit the names to the Viceroy by Friday next.

Working Committee Meets

SIMLA, July 4. (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee met this morning and adjourned at 11-10 a.m. It will reassemble at 2 o'clock at Manor Ville, Mahatma Gandhi's residence.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru accompanied by Dr. Khan Sahib and Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya arrived at the Cecil Hotel at 11-20 a.m. today. Mr. Jinnah happened to be sitting in the lounge at the time.

Pandit Nehru stepped forward and cordially shook hands with Mr. Jinnah and sat by his side. Both the leaders chatted for a few minutes.

The arrival of Pandit Nehru attracted a huge crowd. Cameramen arrived on the scene and took snaps of the two leaders sitting together.

Pandit Nehru and Mr. Jinnah chatted together for five minutes whereafter Pandit Nehru went into Dr. Khan Sahib's room where he held consultations with Dr. Khan Sahib.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru left Cecil Hotel after 40 minutes. Dr. Khan Sahib accompanied him. It is now learnt that Pandit Nehru's visit to Cecil Hotel has no political significance and his meeting with Mr. Jinnah was quite accidental.

PROBABLE NOMINEES

SIMLA, July 4 (U.P.I.): Speculation is rife now about the names that are likely to be considered for inclusion in the panels to be submitted by various parties to the Viceroy in connection with the proposed Executive Council.

The following are some of the names mentioned in political quarters where the lists of prospective candidates seem to be under scrutiny: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. B. C. Roy, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Mr. Manu Subedar, Dr. P. N. Bannerjee, Mr. K. C. Neogy, Sir Jagdish Prasad, Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Sir Gokulchand Narang, Master Tara Singh, Sardar Mangal Singh, Mr. Asaf Ali, Dr. Syed Mahmud, Mr. Abdul Quiyam, Mr. Syed Nausherali, Sir Feroze Khan Noon, Sir Wazir Hasan, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Dr. Shafat Ahmed Khan, Sheikh Zahiruddin, Prof. Humayun Kabir, Dr. Ambedkar, Mr. Joglal Chowdhury, Rao Bahadur Shivraj, Mr. Mukund Behari Mullick, Sir Maharaj Singh, Sir Ardeshir Dalal.

Among the Muslim League names are Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan and Sir Nazimuddin appear to be certainties.

Other names mentioned include Chowdhury Khaliquzzaman, Mr. H. S. Suharwardy, Mr. Hossain Imam, the Nawab of Mamdot, Nawab Mohd. Ismail etc.

Nationalist Muslims' Stand

After coming out of the Congress Working Committee meeting, Maulana Madni has issued the following statement: "I attended the meeting of the Congress Working Committee on an invitation from the Congress President in order to elucidate the resolution of the Nationalist Muslims' Conference held in Delhi on June 29. I have placed the viewpoints of the Conference before the Working Committee whose members gave a patient hearing. The President and the members are convinced of the justice of our cause and assured the Nationalist Muslims that the Congress stood for the same principle and would continue to do so in future."

Maulana Madni reiterated, on behalf of the Nationalist Muslims of India, their complete confidence in the leadership of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, and their preparedness to co-operate with all progressive forces in the country in the realisation of their common objective—complete independence with right to secede from the British Commonwealth.

He says: "I came to Simla at the invitation of the Congress President to elucidate to him and his Working Committee the resolution which was passed at the Conference of Nationalist Muslim organisations held at Delhi on the 28th of June under my presidentship. The object of the Conference was to clarify the stand of all nationalist organisations vis-a-vis the plan now being discussed at Simla. Nationalist Muslims are prepared to welcome this plan only in so far as it marks a step towards the achievement of India's freedom. They will, therefore, judge the plan in the light of the struggles and sacrifices which have been their history for the last quarter of a century. It is clear that the outcome of the Simla Conference largely depends upon the intentions and procedure of Lord Wavell, but I would at the same time like to reiterate on behalf of all Nationalist Muslims of India our complete confidence in the leadership of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

"Nationalist Muslims are prepared to co-operate with all progressive forces in the country in the realisation of our common objective—independence with the right to secede from the British Commonwealth."

Balochis' Faith In Congress

KARACHI, July 4 (U.P.I.)—Mr. Taj mohamed Magsi, Secretary of Baloch Party, has sent a telegram to the Congress President assuring him of full faith in the Congress leadership. He adds that Balochis are in a majority in Sind and their representation in the Viceroy's Council should be considered.

Christians And Congress

SIMLA, July 4 (U.P.I.)—The U.P. Muslim Majlis in a telegram to the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, requests him not to ignore the Nationalist Muslims.

Mr. Ralliaram, a Christian leader of the Punjab, in a letter to the Congress President expresses confidence in Maulana Azad and exhorts him to make every effort for a settlement among the major political groups in the country.

Socialist's Appeal To Azad

ALLAHABAD, July 4 (U.P.I.)—The following telegram was sent to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, by Mr. M. S. Venkatachala Pathy, Congress Socialist of Mysore State, at present staying at Allahabad:—

"I pray to consider my humble suggestion. Select nominees from the minorities: majority and nationalist Muslims. No single caste Hindu. Let Wavell remove parity. Youth above communalism. Improvement common man's lot only anxiety."

Hasrat Mohani Sees Mahatma

SIMLA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Maulana Hasrat Mohani saw Mahatma Gandhi last night.

His Holiness Maharaj Pratap Singh, Guru of Namdhari Sikhs, paid a visit to Mahatma Gandhi at noon today and afterwards went to see Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Dalmia House.

Mr. B. G. Kher and Mr. Srikrishna Sinha were with Dr. Rajendraprasad after he returned from the meeting of the Congress Working Committee.

Right To Muslim Representation

SIMLA, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Mr. M. Yunus, ex-Premier, Bihar, has sent the following telegram to the Congress President "not a single candidate was returned to the Bihar Assembly on the League ticket in 1936. At present out of 42 Muslim members, only three are returned on the League ticket."

The President District Momin Ansar Conference, Bareilly has sent the following telegram to the Congress President. "Ansaris denounce Jinnah's representation. Viceroy telegraphed. Momin Conference be independently represented."

The Secretary Majlis-i-Qureshi, Delhi, has sent the following telegram to the Congress President "a man of self-sacrifice has only the right to Muslim representation. He is Maulana Azad and not Jinnah."

Anthony Welcomes Congress Gesture To Minorities

NEW DELHI, July 3 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Frank Anthony, the Anglo-Indian leader, commenting on the reported intention of the Congress Working Committee to include all the minorities in its list of candidates says in a statement:—

"This has come as a welcome gesture to the minorities. For the present, this liberal policy of Congress will go a long way to assuaging the fears of the smaller sections of the people, which are the root cause of communalism and of getting them to work together for the common good of the whole country.

This action by the Congress will advance the cause of Indian unity immeasurably."

AZAD'S BEREAVEMENTS

SIMLA, July 3 (U.P.I.)—Enquiries in "Armsdell", Maulana Azad's residence, reveal that when he was released from Bankura Jail his eldest sister Khadiza Begum was seriously ill in Calcutta but he had to leave for Bombay after four days. His younger sister Abru Begum died while he was in detention and his third sister, Fatima Begum, is living in Bhopal but Maulana Azad has had no chance of meeting her yet since release.

DR. MAHMUD'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

SIMLA July 7 (U.P.I.)—It is understood that the Working Committee at its present meeting will nominate a Muslim member to the Working Committee in place of Dr. Syed Mahmud whose resignation was accepted in the last meeting of the Working Committee at Bombay. The name of a prominent Muslim leader from the United Provinces is being mentioned in this connection.

Chundrigar Leaves For Simla

BOMBAY, July 3 (A.P.I.)—Mr. I. I Chundrigar, President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League and Haji Abdul Sattar Issak Sait left Bombay tonight for Simla to attend the meeting of the Muslim League Working Committee.

Mr. Chundrigar did not think that the Viceroy would approve of Mahatma Gandhi's move under which the Congress panel would be so constituted as to reduce the Hindu quota and include Muslims and members of other minorities.

Improvement In Levant Situation

French Proposals May Solve Middle East Problem

BEIRUT, July 4 (Reuter): With the general situation in the Levant improving, the new French proposals which are reported to have been brought back from Paris by Coun Osterog, envoy to the French delegation here, are in the limelight, and the hope is being expressed that they will solve the thorny problem of the Middle East.

Neither the Lebanese-Syrian nor the French authorities have revealed the contents of these proposals. Coun' Osterog, however, since his return has twice seen responsible Lebanese statesman and most probably informed them of the French views.

STAGE READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Informed quarters here state that the general atmosphere in the Levant has improved to such a degree that the stage is ready for negotiations. It is hoped that the French proposals will harmonise with Levant's desire for complete independence and it is also hoped that demands of a strategic nature will be omitted or postponed.

The joint Syrian and Lebanese note which was due to be handed to the French some time ago is still undeclared, but it has not been abandoned altogether. Interest has been aroused here by the visit of the Soviet Minister in the Levant M. Daniel Solod, to the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Henry Pharaon. M. Solod declined to disclose the nature of the discussion.

BAGHDAD AGREEMENT

An Iraqi-Turkish trade and barter agreement was signed today at Baghdad. The negotiators agreed to exchange surplus local products.

A Turkish economic mission visiting Baghdad, has established offices for selling Turkish monopoly goods at Baghdad, Basrah and Port Mosul.

Sports

THIRD TEST AT LORDS ON JULY 14

Holmes Dropped From New English Team

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter): England have chosen ten of the team which beat Australia in the second Test at Sheffield for the third Test at Lords starting on July 14... Colonel E. R. T. Holmes has been omitted and the names J. G. Dewes and Honourable Luke White added to the 12 selected, from whom the team will be chosen.

The twelve selected are Hammond, (Gloucestershire); Griffith (Sussex); Wright (Kent); Hutton (Yorkshire); Washbrook, Pollard and Roberts (Lancashire); Edrich and Robertson (Middlesex); Pope (Derbyshire); White (Eton); Dewes (Cambridge University).

NO EXPORT OF TEXTILES AND FOODSTUFFS

"India Can Ill-Afford To Release Such Materials For Relief Purposes"

NEW DELHI, July 4 (A.P.I.): The Committee of the Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries on the eve of the proposed visit of the U.N.R.R.A. mission to India, has addressed a communication to the Government of India urging them to announce their policy in respect of releasing supplies, particularly textiles and foodstuffs from India for the population of liberated countries.

The Committee points out that India can ill-afford to release such materials for relief purposes particularly when India herself is undergoing scarcity in foodstuffs and textiles.

It draws the attention of the Government of India to a report that India's contribution to the U.N.R.R.A. fund is Rs. 15 crores and recalls that according to the budget presented at the last budget session, India's contribution has been earmarked at Rs 8,00,00,000. The Committee has asked the Government for clarification on this point.

U.N.R.R.A. MISSION TO ARRIVE IN INDIA

A U.N.R.R.A. Mission is shortly expected to arrive in India. Its main object is to explore possibilities of purchases in India of essential commodities which this country can spare and which are needed for the relief of countries freed from the enemy.

India's contribution to the Administration, as approved of by the last budget session of the Assembly, amounts to 8,00,00,000. The Mission may purchase in this country within this sum, in which case the purchase amount will be credited towards India's contribution. If it so chooses and conditions are favourable here, it may purchase even more, in which case the purchases will have to be paid for from the funds of the Administration.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, July 4.

Week end squaring up commitments depressed local shares but later prices steadied up on firm Bombay advices.

Differed 2217; Ordinary 407/; Ashok 600; Arvind 1430; Ajit 370; Ambika 364; Calico 1312; Girdhar Harivallabh 353/12; Jupiter 341; New Commercial 680; New Jahangir 1302/8; Nutan 425; Morris 135/8; Marsdon 178; Monogram 146/8; Sarangpur Cotton 1315; Gujrat Paper 206

COLLIERY CONTROL ORDER AMENDED

NEW DELHI, July 4, (A P I): The Government of India in consultation with the Coal Control Board, have decided to take steps to set up a machinery to control the opening and re-opening of coal mines, says a press note.

Large numbers of small pits and quarries have been started in recent months which drain away coal mining labour from established collieries and with inefficient methods, produce only inferior classes of coal.

The Colliery Control Order, 1944, has therefore, been amended by inserting the following clause: "No colliery shall be opened, and no colliery working whereof has been discontinued over a period exceeding two months, shall be reopened except with the previous permission of the Central Government and in accordance with such directions as the Central Government may at the time of granting permission or subsequently give to the owner or the owners concerned".

Raja Of Sangli Pays Tribute To Dr. Samuel

(From Our Correspondent).

WANLESS WADI, (By Mail).—An address was presented to Dr. G. Samuel, the Chief Medical Officer, Sir William Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Wanless Wadi, by his friends, Admirers and Colleagues, on his being awarded a Medal by His Majesty the King Emperor, in recognition of his meritorious services in the institution. The Raja Saheb of Sangli presided.

The Raja Saheb spoke very highly of Dr. Samuel's services to Humanity and to the Institution and said that the rapid development of this sanatorium, was due to his wise and efficient administration. The fame of Sanatorium is rapidly spreading over India and abroad. The Raja Saheb further wished more success to Dr. Samuel and hoped that the Donors would come forward and help the management in the further extension of this humanitarian institution and its increasing work.

Dr. Samuel, in reply, thanked the Raja Saheb for the feelings expressed and said that the credit went to his colleagues and staff, for their sincere co-operation in his day to day work. He said that they had decided to make the Institution a Post-Graduate Centre wherefrom Post-Graduates filled with love and sense of service might go to rural parts and work among people.

A great victory parade of British, Russian, United States and French forces in Berlin is to take place towards the end of this week.

DIGVIJAY INSURANCE CO.

RECORD OF STEADY PROGRESS DURING 1944.

The third annual general meeting of the Digvijay Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the registered office of the Company, Dhan Noor, Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on Thursday, 28th June 1945, when Raja Bahadur Narayanlal Bansilal Pitti, Chairman of the Company, occupied the chair.

In submitting the third annual report with the audited balance sheet and revenue account for the year ending 31st December 1944 for consideration and adoption, Mr. Haridas N. Ashar, Managing Director, remarked as follows:—

"The year has shown a considerable progress which can be judged from the following facts:—

Our Capital which stood in 1943 at Rs. 1,55,100 has now been fully subscribed and paid up.

The Life Fund has gone to Rs. 51,676-11-5 from Rs. 1,772-15-1.

The overall expense ratio has gone below by about 15 per cent.

The total number of policies has gone to 1790 from No. 926 in 1943.

The new Business shows a rise of Rs. 4,61,417 over 1943 business.

I may add for your information that we have started very well in this year and our business for the first six months has shown considerable increase."

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors' Report stated as follows:

"NEW BUSINESS: During the year under report, the Company received 875 proposals for assurance of Rs. 24,15,250. Out of these and a few remaining pending at the end of 1943, 834 proposals resulted into policies assuring a sum of Rs. 22,12,000, and yielding annual premium income of Rs. 1,23,000. The remaining proposals were either declined, Postponed or awaiting completion at the end of the year.

Claims: During the year under report three claims for Rs. 2,750 were intimated. The claim for Rs. 1,000 outstanding from the last year and one claim for Rs. 750 of this year have been paid and provision has been made in the Balance Sheet for the remaining claim amount of Rs. 2,000.

INCOME & INVESTMENT: The total income during the year under report is Rs. 2,16,644-11-1. Our Deposits with the Government of India under section (7) of Insurance Act 1938 amount to the face value of Rs. 2,07,000 and have also invested in Government Securities for the face value of Rs. 1,00,000. Further the whole of the issued Capital of Rs. 3,00,000 has been fully subscribed.

DIRECTORATE: The following Directors retire by rotation but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

1. Seth Amratlal Kalidas,
2. Seth Juthalal Motilal,
3. Seth Kharshedji Limji.

We heartily congratulate our Managing Director Mr. H. N. Ashar for this all round progress and steady development of the Company. We thank all the field workers and Head Office staff for their active co-operation and ungrudging assistance. We also thank all the policy-holders for their kind support and patronage."

The Directors' Report was adopted and the auditors for the current year were elected.

ASSETS.

The following is a classified summary of the assets of the Company in India as on 31st December, 1944.

Form AA.

Class of Assets.	Book Value Rs. As. Ps.	Market Value Rs. As. Ps.	Remarks.
3½% G.P. Notes of the face value of Rs. 3,07,000	3,06,424 6 0	3,06,424 6 0	As per quotation supplied by our Brokers.
Fixed deposit with Banks	3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	Realizable value.
Advances to Organisers and on account of agents' balances etc.	43,457 12 5	43,457 12 5	Do.
Interest accrued but not due	2,518 12 3	2,518 12 3	Do.
Furniture & Fixtures of Books	3,327 8 9	3,327 8 9	Do.
Printing & Stationery on hand	3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	Do.
Cash on Hand & with Bankers	11,075 2 0	11,075 2 0	Do.
Sundry Debtors (Staff)	285 0 0	285 0 0	Do.
Outstanding Premiums	45,202 1 0	45,202 1 0	Do.

Lord and Lady Wavell chatting with Press Correspondents at the Viceregal Lodge

Indian Immigration Bill

Opposition Likely to Melt Away: U. S. On Way To Drive Out Discrimination

WASHINGTON, July 3. (Reuter): The favourable report by the House of Immigration and Naturalisation Committee of the Indian Immigration Bill was described today as a very hopeful sign", by the author of the Bill, Mr. Emanuel Celler, Democrat representative of New York.

Mr. Celler told Reuter "The Committee's action justifies eloquently to the statesmanship of President Truman, who sent a special message of approval to the Committee and even made a personal intervention in the form of a letter in order to get this legislation approved.

I am sure that on the floor of the House opposition will melt away and we will be able to prove by our actions that Americans are extremely sympathetically inclined towards the people of India.

Amendments introduced during the past two weeks have no practical significance except that they clarify certain matters of procedure.

The basic principle contained in my Bill remains—that there should be no discrimination against any people because of figmentation of their skin or the locality where they are born".

Congressman, Mr. Dickstein and Chairman of the Immigration Committee told Reuter that he was taking immediate action to put the legislation on the Congressional calendar for debate in the House.

WOMAN DIES OF SUFFOCATION IN RLY. COMPARTMENT

JUBBULPORE, July 4 (O.P.I.): Owing to excessive overcrowding in a compartment of the Bombay mail a woman passenger fainted in the women's compartment from suffocation and died. The body was taken out with difficulty at Sutna.

FACTORY OWNER MURDERED

Bombay Wednesday

Khan Bahadur Jehangirjee Pestanji Pardiwala owner of an aerated water factory in Tardeo was murdered in his room in the early hours of this morning.

The victim lived with the members of the family in a bungalow in the compound of the factory.

At about 3 a.m. members of his family heard cries from his room and when they went in saw the man lying in a pool of blood gushing from wounds in the throat.

Police were informed and on a search a ladder was found placed against the window of the victim's room. The motive is suspected to be theft and some persons who know that the victim kept large amounts of cash in his room are suspected to have done the crime.

Criminal Intimidation Charge Against B. E. S. T. Driver Fails

Bombay, Wednesday

Syed Pir Badeshah, a driver of the B.E.S.T. Co. who was charged under Section 506 I. P. C. and 7 of the Criminal Law Amendments Act was acquitted by Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The prosecution case was that the accused had intimidated the workers of the Company to go on a strike on the 19th of March, 1945.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate acquitting the accused said that under Section 506 the person intimidated or the person interested in the person intimidated must be produced and as this has not been done in the case there was no ground for conviction.

Coroner's Verdict On Madanpura Shooting Outrage Victim

Bombay Wednesday

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to a pistol wound in the brain on the body of Sidaitullah Hidaitullah. He was shot near a restaurant at Madanpura on May 26.

The police arrested three persons in this connection: 1. Mohamed Yakoob Vali Mahomed; 2. Mahomed Amin Abdul Rehman and 3 Gulam Nadi Haider.

By majority of 3 to 2 the jury recommended the accuse No. 1 to be prosecuted for murder as he had fired the fatal shot and that accused No. 2 be prosecuted for abetment of murder.

The jury made no recommendation with regard to the accused No. 3.

The murder is learnt to have been the result of rivalry between two groups.

19 Tins Of Liquor Worth Rs. 1,800 Seized

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A five mile chase made in heavy downpour of rain in a certain area in the Bombay Suburbs by Deputy Inspector Newlands of the Prohibition Branch ended in stopping a taxi-cab arresting the taxi-driver, and seizing 19 kerosene oil tins filled with illicit liquor valued at Rs. 1,800.

It is stated that the police officer had been on night patrol by car travelling between Jogeshwari and Mahim on Monday night keeping a vigilant eye on the liquor smugglers.

At 5 a.m. it is alleged, he saw a taxi approaching the City from the suburbs and drove towards it. The car being stopped, swung round and drove at a terrific speed back to the surburbs. The police car swept forward in pursuit and the taxi was stopped on reaching Ghodbunder.

Abdool Kayoom Gulzam who is alleged to be the driver of the taxi was placed before the Presidency Magistrate Dadar Court, and was enlarged on bail.

B.B. & C.I. Rly. Renews Appeal To "Travel Light"

In spite of the appeal to 'Travel Light' if travel is necessary, the practice of passengers taking heavy luggage along with them still continues.

It is therefore earnestly requested by the authorities that the travelling public will co-operate with the railway in this respect in their own interests.

Emloyers Adamant

NASIK, June 29.

Nearly 2,500 Bidi workers in Nasik will go on strike from the 6th July, the last day of notice. The decision was nunanimously taken in the General Meeting of the Nasik Bidi Workers' Union held in the Assembly Hall of the Municipality on the 23rd inst. at night.

Mr. Habib F. Merchant, a prominent figure in the Bombay Muslim Student world and founder of the Bombay Muslim Students' Federation was recently married to Miss Marian daughter of the Late Haji Nassar Mavji a well-known businessman of Bombay.

Loan Leads To Homicide

(Before the Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice)

Emperor

v.

Dama Babu Mudiwala .. Accused

The accused, a hotel servant, 32 years of age, was found guilty of culpable homicide by a majority of the jury and sentenced to four years R.I. He had on May 15, 1942, stabbed to death one Puappa Shetty in consequence of a quarrel over a small loan. The accused had then absconded and was ultimately found in November last conducting a pan-shop.

Mr. H. S. Desai and the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. B M. Mistry defended the accused.

SATYARTH PRAKASH BAN

Aryan League Telegram To Leaders

NEW DELHI, (By Mail).

The Secretary of the International Arya Samaj has sent the following telegram to the leaders attending the Simla Conference convened by the Viceroy.

"This meeting of the Working Committee of the International Aryan League declares on behalf of the Arya Samaj that the ban imposed on Satyarth Prakash by the Sind Government clearly shows that the Muslim League is saturated with the medieval attitude of religious intolerance and persecution and that therefore no settlemen wih the Muslim League will be acceptable to the Arya Samaj unless religious liberty is guarateed and the present ban is removed."

Mill-owners' Powers For Despatch Of Bales To Be Taken Away?

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 4.

It is learnt that Textile authorities are dissatisfied with administration by Millowners' Association of the despatch of cloth bales to upcountry centres. It is likely that powers for making despatch of bales will be taken away from millowners and entrusted to the Special Textile Commissioner's Office.

M. C. C. Team For India: Negotiations In London

MADRAS, July 4 (A.P.I.)—Dr. P. Subbaroyan, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, it is now officially stated, has written to Sir Pelham Warner, President of the M.C.C., requesting him to send out an M.C.C. team to India in the coming cold weather.

Mr. C. P. Johnstone, President of the Madras Cricket Association, who is now in England, has been authorised by the Board to negotiate the tour on behalf of the Board and cable to the Board. The M.C.C.'s views are expected to reach the Board just before its annual general meeting which will be held in Calcutta on July 29.

Elocution Competition

Under the auspices of Pherozeshah Mehta Centenary Celebration Committee an Elocution Competition in English for the students of Bombay Colleges will be held to-day (Thursday) on "Life and Work of Pherozeshah Mehta". The time limit is 10 minutes, and Prizes will be: 1st Prize Rs. 200, 2nd Prize Rs. 100, 3rd Prize Rs. 50.

Those students who are desirous of taking part in the Competition may send in their names to Miss P. N Nariman, the Jt. Hon. Secretary, 207, Bazargate Street, Fort, Bombay.

For Importers Of Foreign Cloth

The Textile Commissioner in a Press Note says:

By a notification in the Gazette of India of June 9, the Textile Commissioner has directed all importers of foreign cloth into India to submit either personally or by registered post a statement containing the description and the quantity of cloth so imported within two weeks of the arrival of the consignment in India. Importers are required to state the landed cost of each item contained in the consignment. Importers are further required to sell or deliver such imported cloth only to those persons specified by the Textile Commissioner. If within 21 days of the date on which the statement is received by the Textile Commissioner, the importer does not receive instructions as to the disposal of the consignment, the importer will be free to dispose of the cloth included in the consignment.

POONA, July 3 (A.P.I.)—Mr. R. B. Tilak, son of the late Lokmanya Tilak, who was on a fast for the last eleven days has agreed to temporarily suspended his fast in response to a telegraphic message from Mr. B. G. Kher from Simla who has promised to look into his grievances after the Simla Conference.

— HOW SOON?

It would be too hazardous to predict the month or day that our veterans will come marching home, glorious and triumphant. But the full and final defeat of the axis *does* loom daily larger on the horizon!

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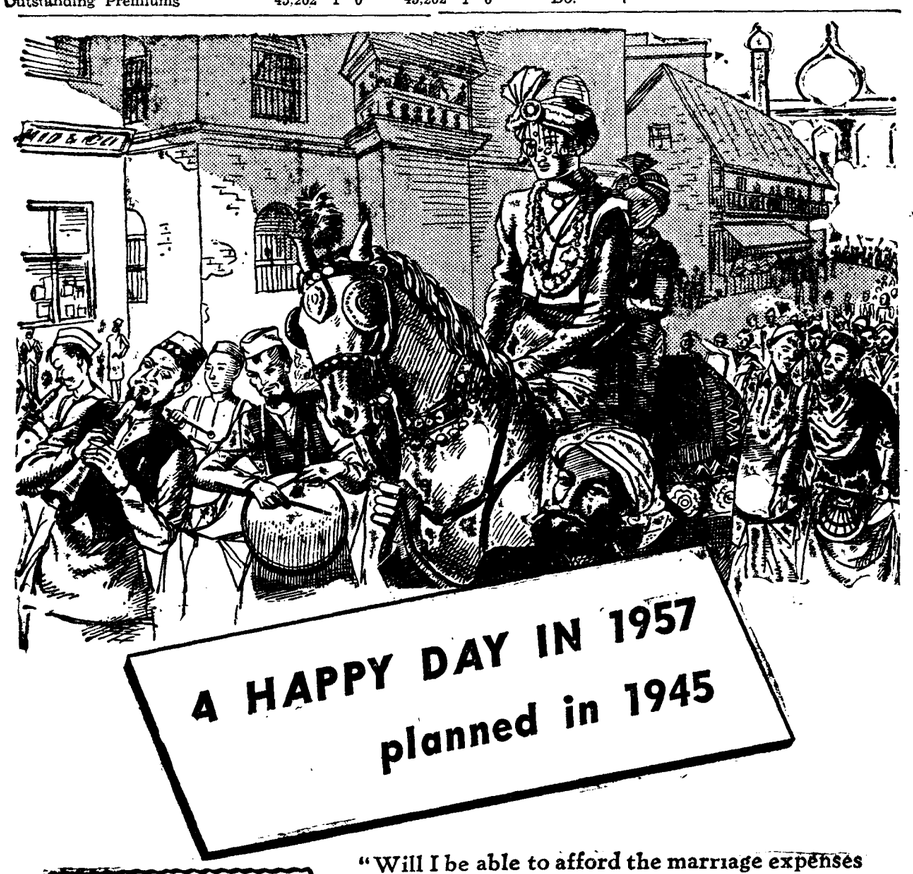

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Tata Steel Shares Move Up On Active Support

GOLD AND SILVER PRICES REACT AFTER REACHING NEW HIGH LEVELS

Cotton Quietly Steady Awaiting July Tenders

BOMBAY, July 4.

The Bombay Stock Exchange improved further today. There was a marked absence of selling while Steel Shares were supported. There was moderate covering cotton mills shares were also in demand and the market undertone was good.

As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. advanced Rs. 23/12, Ordinary Rs. 4/- Bombay Dyeings Rs. 12/-, Nagpur Rs. 5/-, Kohinoors Rs. 4/-, Swadeshi Rs. 9/- and Associated Cements Rs. 2/8.

Bullion Market opened firm but there being no follow-up, quotations assumed sagging tendency on general long liquidation. In the afternoon the market was pushed up new high levels met some realising. Tone was firm—

Cotton market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover. Yesterday's swings on both sides reduced open interest and the market is awaiting tenders against July contract.

Produce market was fairly active with groundnuts and linseed in request.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled very steady with increased buying of a general character. As pointed out before the market sentiment remains constructive and there is more disposition to buy on setbacks.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened to-day at Rs. 2205 and advanced to Rs. 2215 and later steadied at Rs. 2212 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 404 and advanced to Rs 406 Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1885 and advanced to Rs. 1892 Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 602 and steadied at Rs. 604 Central shares were quoted at Rs. 374 while Century shares were placed at Rs. 900. Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 237 Simplex Mill shares changed hands at Rs. 288. 8 Associated Cement shares firmed up to Rs. 211 while Ballapurs were quoted at Rs. 220 Bombay Burmas stood at Rs. 510 and Indian Irons were steady at Rs. 41/2.

Mill Shares

Bombay Dycing 1893 Century 902/8, Nagpur 347 Swadesai 585, New Great 370, Simplex 290, Kohinoor 605/8, Colaba 219 Gokak 296/8, Phoenix 620, Mysore 280, Indian Bleaching 163, Swan 306, Finlay 286, Morarjee 731/4. Indore 700, Edward Sassoon 615.

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 406/8 Tata Steel Dfd 2218/12.

ELECTRICS

Tata Hydro 204, Andhra 1772/8, Tata Power 1830, Tram Ord 142/8.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 211.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 515, Alcock 400, Bellapur 220/8 Shivrajpur 49/8, Steamer Ord 580, Scindia 37/10, Prem Construction 221

CASH SECTION

MILLS Apollo 3/14/6, Elphinstone 80/8, E U Ord 14/1/6, Dfds 2/14/9, Indian Mid 3955 Kurla 227/8, Khatav 220, Dawn 1080, New City 357/8, Minerva 232/8, Bradbury 297/8, Bharucha Dfd 8, Bharat 59/4 Madhavji 16, Modri 250, Laxmi Cotton 1345, Vishnu Cotton 465, Western 3410, Sholapur 6975, Sassoon Cotton 20/12, Hindustan 3810, Meyer Sassoon 191/4, Tata Mills 60 And Advance 400, Sassoon Silk 75, New Union 22, Poddar 326/4, Madhusudan 430, New 83 Shri Nivas 360, Raja Bahadur Poona 126/4, Berar 300.

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 257/8, Surat 236, Surat New Premium 115/2 Karachi 255/10, Ajmer 14 14, Amalgamated 48/2, Jaipur 11/2, Nagpur 85, Bombay Suburban 251/6, New Premium 106.

BANKS

Reserve 138/8, Imperial 2005, P P 512/8, Central 82/4, India 191, Union 6/10 Baroda 145, Habib 19/4, International 52, A B C 56/8, Dena Bank 67, United 71, Jaipur 61, Hindustan 23 12, National Savings F P 10/4, P P 59/8 Mysore 380, Exchange 56/8.

INSURANCE

Oriental 6490, Empire 1150, New India 82, Jupiter 26/10 Vulcan 17/10, Bnd., Mercantile 69, Universal 15/10, Vasumi 25, Bri. I Gen. 23, Bombay Life 8/5, Ind Prud 52.

RAILWAYS

And Peanli 125 C P 107/12, Mymensing Rly 111 6, Gustad 115, Mandra Brcn 110, Sara Serajgunj 142/8, Sirkee 117, New 84 Upper Sindh 124, Dhond Barmati 120, Pachora 93, Hoshiarpur 117/4

MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 183 12, Burma Petrol 5/8/9 Tata Oil 63/3, Mackenzie 147/8, Port Canning 105/8, Zamlu 215, Indian Radio Ord 405, B 425, Dld 425 Indian Investment Trust 120, Wimco 718/2, Tata Chemical 20/4, Dharamsi Chemical 44/8, Eastern Chemical 12/4, Mukund Iron 12/8, Dena Trust 26, Alembic 319/12, Supreme Industries 196/4, Jam Wire 144/8, Bombay Uganda 81, Bombay Cycle 35, Indian Cement (1937) 34, Walchand Nagar Industries 535, Associated Cement Coupon 23.

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GOLD & SILVER

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 20,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 79/1 and no sales of Silver were made.

The Bank disappeared as a daily seller of Silver and consequently quotations recorded a sharp rise. There had been many short covering in Silver and the technical position of the market is rendered weak and we think it risky to follow the rise at present.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 136/12 and declined to Rs. 135/14 on general unloading and later steadied at Rs. 136, 4. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas twelve at Rs. 137.

The Gold market opened at Rs. 78/12 for weekly settlement and declined to Rs 78/2 on profit-taking and steadied at Rs. 78/4. Ready Gold was placed at Rs 78/9.

In the afternoon there was a fresh outburst of buying which pushed up Gold to Rs. 79/10 and Silver to Rs. 137/10. At this level renewed liquidation resulted in a setback and closing quotations were as under :—

	Rs	as.	p.
Ready Silver	137	12	0
Silver Settlement	136	12	0
Ready Gold	79	2	0
Gold Settlement	78	12	

BOMBAY COTTON

The Cotton Committee Meeting of the Textile Control Board rose without any decision in view of possible change in the Government. However the Committee discussed the price question at length and except one member all were in favour of raising the floor to Rs. 400 level while the Government intends to lower it to Rs. 300. Thus we do not think any change will be made in the present floor and ceiling prices. Moreover the Government had not to buy any cotton this year. Some bears believe that this year the crop was a small one and next year if the crop turns out a big one, prices will be lowered Against this argument it can be said that there is a large potential export demand and Indian cotton growers are entitled to parity price.

The market opened to-day at Rs. 428 for September delivery and declined to Rs. 427 while July was quoted at Rs. 415/8. It appears that yesterday the syndicate liquidated a good portion of July holdings and total tenders will not reach one lakh bale limit but much depends upon survey results.

Later on there was moderate selling which brought down September Contract to Rs 424, Tenders against July will be issued tomorrow. The market finally closed at 6 p m as under :—

I C C July	413	4	0
I C C Sept.	424	0	0.

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton July Contract is 644 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

I C C July Highest 423 Lowest 410 1/2 Closing at 6 p m 416-3/4

I C C Sept. Highest 433 1/2 Lowest 421 1/2 Closing at 6 p m 428

Karachi 4F July Highest 43/9/9 Lowest 42/9/3 Closing at 6 p m 42/12/0

N. Y. COTTON STEADY

Cotton opened steady The market was a quiet and nervous pre-holiday affair. Scattered liquidation and hedges resulted from reports an easier basis and generally favourable interpretations of weather news and expectations of a favourable weekly weather report on Thursday. On the other hand, Reports continue to stress serious of of weevil infestation. Price fixing and routine trade demands offered feebly support. Latterly prices drifted aimlessly awaiting fresh incentive. Meanwhile the small routine trade demand was sufficient to absorbed scattered hedges and the market closed steady.

N.Y. COTTON FEATURELESS

NEW YORK, July 3 (U.P.A.)—Trading was inactive during today's featureless session of the New York Cotton Exchange.

The Government acreage estimate, due on Monday, is expected to show about nineteen million acres for next year as compared with the 20.130.000 for this year.

The recent weakening spot bases and the pause in mill buying for spot cotton chilled new buying interest.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, July 3.

July	22,53 +02
October	22,62 +03
October highest (10.58 a.m.)	22,65—
October lowest (11.30 a.m.)	22,61—04
December	22,62—
January	22,59—
March	22,62 +03
May	22,60 +05
July	22,35 +05
Middling Spot	23,07—04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

July	22,62—03
October	22,65—02
December	22,62—01
January	unquoted.
March	22,60—
Middling Spot	22,20—05

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

July	22,50
October	22,62
December	22,60

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, July 3.

T T London on :—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid official 44 00 Montreal, sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17 4 Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, July 3.

	£
Rupee Paper 3.1/2 p c	72-3/4
Consols 2-1/2 p c	83-5/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-3/16
War Loan 3 1/2 p c	104-1/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114-1/4
Chartered Bank of I. A and China	11-1/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	88-1/2
National Bank of India	41-3/4 (41-3/4)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—The Stock Markets were rather less active today, though a firm undertone was well maintained. Steady investment support appeared in industrials and gains were fairly widespread. Irons and Steel especially found favour with gains recorded. Among cycle manufacturers Raleigh were well requested. Radios and Electric Musical Industries met, good support. British funds ruled firm, occasionally a sixteenth higher with quiet investment support, but foreign bonds were rather quiet apart from selective support in European issues.

WORTH STREET ACTIVE

NEW YORK, July 3 (U.P.A.)—Trading was more active on the Worth Street Cloth Market today as fair sized releases in printcloths for July and August developed with reports that the War Production Board order governing third quarter allocation will be released on Wednesday.

Increased goods releasing against high priority orders continued where the mills were reasonably assured that available stocks would not be affected by Government regulations.

The Army announced it was seeking two million pounds of yarns for parachutes and six million pounds of viscose yarn for new bombchute cloth.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, July 4.

The local produce market was very steady on hopes of further purchases by the British Food Ministry for Groundnuts after the last one of 2.500 tons. Groundnuts Bombay delivery Khandesh quality Rs. 14/7, August-September Rs 14/11 Goa August Rs. 14/6. Castorseeds Bombay Rs. 15/5 Goa Rs. 15/10 and Navlakhi Rs. 15/8. Linseed U. P. and C. P. Rs. 18/4. G. I. P. Stations Rs. 18/3. N. S. Rly. Rs. 18/2/6. Saina Rs 18 and Navlakhi delivery Rs. 18/9. Tone was steady.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, July 4

LONDON: Banks Buying 90 Days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 90 Days/st 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months

B C RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32

LONDON/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 328 1/2.

LONDON/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs 295 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 p c. 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Very easy.

Deccan States' Rulers For Two Joint High Courts

MIRAJ, July 3 (U.P.): A meeting of the Deccan States' Rulers, held for the last three days at the Kolhapur Residency, under the presidency of Mr. Harvey, the Resident, decided to have two joint High Courts for the 16 Deccan States.

Miraj Senior, Aundh, Jath, Phaltan, Kolhapur, Kurundvad Junior, Savantvadi and Mudhol are prepared to join the scheme with the inclusion of Kolhapur. Whilst Sangli, Ramdurg, Kurundvad Senior, Miraj Junior, Bhor, Jamkhandi, Akalkot and Savanur, the group of other eight States is entirely opposed to join a scheme wherein Kolhapur exists because of fear of a merger.

Each group is, therefore, having separate High Courts which are expected to come into existence from January, 1946. Each group is having a Board of Rulers in their respective groups on a principle, that each Ruler should have one vote and with the chairmanship of the Board's by rotation.

NEW YORK BANK SHARES

NEW YORK, July 3 (U.P.A.)—Prices of shares in major New York City banks declined only slightly in over-the-counter trading today.

National City Bank of New York closed at 47 1 2 bid, 49 1 2 asked; compared with the previous close of 47 5 8 bid, 49 5 8 asked.

U.S. SILVER PURCHASE POLICY

NEW YORK, July 3 (U.P.A.)—Reports in Mexico City that an agreement was reached at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, under terms of which the Government of the United States would pay the same price for foreign silver that it pays for the white metal produced within the U.S.A., were doubted in reliable quarters here today.

A government representative said he had NO such information and doubted that the report is correct while the big silver bullion firm of Messrs. Handy and Harmon said there was no reason to think the reports correct.

Other quarters described the Mexican reports as "wishful thinking" and pointed out that Mexico is a large silver producer and naturally is anxious to see high prices for the metal permanently assured by the United States.

Reserve Bank Of India

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 29th day of June 1945.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs
Notes held in the Banking Department	9,77,61,000
Notes in circulation	11,36,97,05,000
Total Notes issued	11,46,74,66,000
Total Liabilities	11,46,74,66,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.634 per cent.	

ASSETS

	Rs
A. Gold Coin and Bullion :—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
Sterling Securities	10,29,32,89,000
Total of A	10,73,74,32,000
B Rupee Coin	15,16,84,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,30,000
Total Assets	11,46,74,66,000

LIABILITIES

	Rs
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits :—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	2,79,51,12,000
(2) Government of Burma	71,06,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	2 22,37,33,000
(b) Banks	79,24 35,000
(c) Others	17,89,13,000
Bills Payable	2,91,21,000
Other Liabilities	19,96,27,000
Rupees	4,32,60,49,000

ASSETS

	Rs
Notes	9,77,61,000
Rupee Coin	16,12,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,63,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted	
Balances held abroad*	3,95,16,38,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	70,00,000
Investments	21,29,12,000
Other Assets	5,49,63,000
Rupees	4,32,60,49,000

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, July 4.

Wheat 10/4 Gram 8/14 Peas New 7/7 Old 6/9 very steady Arhar 7Xt Old 6/8 Steady Bejhar 7/15 Urad 14, 8/6 Moong 10/10/6 Massoor 10 Stocks Wheat 57 Barley 3 Peas 114 Arhar 89 Khattis Gur 9/10 Jagery Powder 11 Oats 9 Cottonsed Desi 9/8 American 7/4 Barcana Ready 52/4 to 53/8 Asuj 51/12 Guwar Mah 6/14, 3 Silver 136/2 Gold 78/10 markets in general are rising higher.

KUTCH HUNDI

BHUJ July 4.

Today Hundi Koris 382, 383, Silver Rupees 115/8. Ready Gold

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, July 4.

Cocoanuts Raw 80 Dry 90 Cocoanut-oil 330 Copra Office 210 Dilpasand 217 Madrasnottam 230 Goodgooda 230 Pepper Wynaad 330 Country 315 Dry ginger Chernad 235 Ernad 225 Coffee Robusta 85

BENGAL TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. 3 Crores (Rupees three crores only) of three months' Government of Bengal Treasury Bills will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay and Calcutta, upto 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 12th July

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PUBLIC NOTICES

RATIONING OF KEROSENE IN THE BARSI RATIONED AREA IN THE SHOLAPUR DISTRICT.

NOTIFICATION.

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 29th June 1945.

BOMBAY RATIONING ORDER, 1943.

No. 169(13)D.R. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (8) of clause 2 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay in supersession of the Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply), No. 229(13) (a)D. R., dated the 27th June, 1944, so far as it relates to kerosene, is pleased to fix the 1st day of July, 1945, as the date in respect of the areas comprising the Barsi Municipal Borough for commencement of rationing of kerosene.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government.
(3921)

NOTICE.

In the matter of THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913
and
In the matter of S. H. MEHTA & Co., Ltd.
(In voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 208 E of The Indian Companies Act, 1913 that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidator at 42-43, Alli Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of August, 1945, at 4-30 p. m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books of accounts and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

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Full particulars and form of application are obtainable from the DIVISIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGER, G.I.P. RAILWAY, BHUSAVAL on payment of Rupee One by Money Order on or before 15th July, 1945. The application form duly filled in together with attested copies of certificates should reach the DIVISIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGER, BHUSAVAL on or before 30th July 1945. Full name and address of applicant should be entered in BLOCK CAPITAL letters on Money Order coupon. For candidates belonging to Schedule Caste the fee is annas four only.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

1. SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Engineer-in-Chief, Construction, E. I. Railway, Calcutta, for the construction of a railway bridge across the Phalgu river near Gaya consisting of 20 spans of 100 ft., 1 span of 80 ft., 2 spans of 60 ft., and one span of 30 ft. girders and will be received upto 10 A.M. on 31st July, 1945.

2. Tender forms with drawings may be purchased from the said office on payment of Rs. 20|- per set which sum will not be refunded. 3901

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPPLY OF RATIONED ARTICLES TO PERSONS, STAYING OUTSIDE RATIONED AREAS FROM THE DISTRIBUTORS IN THE RATIONED AREAS.

NOTIFICATIONS

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 28th June, 1945.

BOMBAY RATIONING ORDER, 1943

No. 169(11)D.R.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 20 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to authorise distribution of all rationed articles otherwise than on a ration document in the area (hereinafter referred to the said area) to which the Lonavla Rationing Regulation 1944 applies by the authorised distributor specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto annexed to the persons specified against him in column 2 of the said Schedule:

PROVIDED THAT—

(a) no such distribution shall be made except to a holder of a quasi-ration card issued in this behalf by the Mamlatdar of Maval; and

(b) the quantity supplied shall not exceed that specified on such document.

SCHEDULE

Name of Distributor	Persons to whom such distribution may be made
1.	2
Mr. BABANLAL BALARAM, LONAVLA	Residents of the villages of (1) Atwan, (2) Chwande, (3) Apti, (4) Kurvande, (5) Kusgaon, (6) Dongaegaon, (7) Kune, (8) Awandhe, (9) Avandholi, (10) Varsoli and (11) Udewadi, situated outside the said area.

BOMBAY RATIONING ORDER, 1943

No. 169(11)(a)D.R.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 20 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to authorise distribution of all rationed articles otherwise than on a ration document in the area to which the Talegaon Dabhade Rationing Regulation 1944 applies by the authorised distributor specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto annexed to the persons specified against him in column 2 of the said Schedule:

PROVIDED THAT

(a) no such distribution shall be made except to a holder of a quasi-ration card issued in this behalf by the Mamlatdar of Maval; and

(b) the quantity supplied shall not exceed that specified on such document.

SCHEDULE

Name of Distributor	Persons to whom such distribution may be made
1.	2.
Mr. Mahadev Laxman Jagnade, Talegaon, Dabhade	Residents of the villages of Varale, Gahunje, Somatne, Shirgaon, and the hamlets of Talegaon-Dabhade situated outside the said area.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government.
(3222)

A CORRECTION

IN THE IMPORTANT NOTICE announcing the list of Priority of Goods Traffic on the G.I.P. & B. B. & C. I. Railways in force from 1st May, 1945, which was published in our issue of 31st May, 1945 the correct reading of Class VIII is as follows:

"CLASS VIII—NON URGENT MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND OTHER PROJECTS."

Movements of:—

(1) Traffic tendered under Military Credit Notes.*

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(2) Perishable traffic*

*When not falling under any higher class. 3465

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* Women's Auxiliary Corps (India) *

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THE FORTUNE COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1913)

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....Rs. 10,00,000
Divided into 10,000 Shares of Rs 100|- each.

ISSUED CAPITAL.....Rs. 5,00,000
Divided into 5,000 Shares of Rs 100|- each.

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Rs. 25|- per share on application

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1. Raosaheb PREMCHAND ICHHARAM PATIL, (Chairman) Land-Lord, Merchant & Banker, Director, The New India Industries Ltd., Bombay, Director, The Great Social Life & General Assurance Ltd. Bombay, of Savda, East Khandesh.
2. Sheth SIDDHESHWAR MARUTIAPPA NAGARE, Merchant & Banker, Bhavani Peth Jalgaon, East Khandesh.
3. Sheth DEEPCHAND JITTERMAL SURANA, Merchant, Banker & Landlord, of Messrs. Deepchand Surana & Co., Managing Agents, The Popular Films Ltd. Bhusaval, East Khandesh.
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REGISTERED OFFICE.

JALGAON, (East Khandesh)

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. GODAMBE & JOGLEKAR. Kermani Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay.

AUDITORS

Messrs. S. G. MANDRE & CO., (Dr. S. G. Mandre, BA., R.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.A., (London)) Incorporated Accountants & Auditors (London), Ram Mansion, Nowroji Fardunji Road, Near Tajmahal Hotel, Fort, Bombay.

OBJECTS.

The Company has been formed with the objects generally set forth in the Memorandum of Association for the purpose of carrying on Banking business in all its branches as provided in Section 277 F of The Indian Companies Act 1913.

PROSPECTS.

The Fortune Commercial Bank Ltd., is the first Joint-Stock bank established in East Khandesh having its Head Office at Jalgaon. East Khandesh district possesses fertile lands yielding commercial crops and resources needed for the development of trade and industry. People of this district have already become banking minded and with the banking facilities brought within their reach by the establishment of this bank whose directorate enjoys their confidence, there is for this bank, ample scope to prosper and expand its activities throughout India.

MANAGEMENT

The Articles of Association of the Company provide for the appointment of Mr. K. G. Chaudhari as the Managing Director of the Company on the term mentioned in accordance with the provision of Section 277 HH of the Indian Companies (Amendment) Act 1944. The said Managing Director shall, subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Directors have the general direction, management and superintendence of the business of the Company and shall exercise and perform such of the powers and duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate to or confer upon him.

RIGHT OF VOTING

On a show of hands every member present in person is to have one vote and upon a poll every member in person or by proxy is to have one vote for every share held by him. Where a corporation, being a member, is present by proxy who is not a member, such proxy shall be entitled to vote for such corporation on a show of hands.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES

Application for shares can be made on the form accompanying the Prospectus or on a similarly typed form which should be submitted to the Managing Director at the Registered Office of the Company at Jalgaon, East Khandesh.

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